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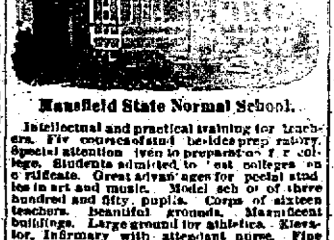

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FINANCIAL Statement, Smethport Boro, 1896.

F. D. GALLUP, Treasurer, in account with Smethport Boro.

	Dr.	
To cash from Chas. McKean, ex-Treas.	$ 21 89	
To cash from Co. Treasurer licenses	426 50	
To cash from Col. J. C. Gallup, boro	1853 38	
To cash from Col. J. C. Gallup, dog	57 50	
To cash Fulton St. sewer	23 33	
" " Franklin St. sewer	25 00	
" " Union St. sewer	277 02	
" " Byron St. sewer	68 13	
" " from sidewalks	69 77	
" " Col. Lemmler, duplicate 1891	4 35	
To cash licenses from A. T. Palmer	3 00	2441 96
	Cr.	
By orders paid and cancelled stone and labor on streets	1162 80	
By orders paid and cancelled sewer and tile	271 78	
By orders paid and cancelled lumber	120 78	
By orders paid and cancelled special police	23 00	
By orders paid and cancelled High Constable	23 00	
By orders paid and cancelled boro Auditors	30 00	
By orders paid and cancelled solicitor	25 00	
By orders paid and cancelled hardware	37 07	
By orders paid and cancelled blacksmithing	12 10	
By orders paid and cancelled printing	67 75	
By orders paid and cancelled city bonding and insurance	23 30	
By orders paid and cancelled Smethport Water Co.	300 00	
By orders paid and cancelled bridges	243 11	
By orders paid and cancelled postage, stationery, &c.	4 74	
By orders paid and cancelled boro secretary	30 00	
By orders paid and cancelled Treas.' commission sewer collections	3 60	
By orders paid and cancelled hydrants and wrenches	35 20	
By orders paid and cancelled 3 per cent. commission on orders	50 24	
Balance due boro fund	62 73	2441 96

F. D. GALLUP, Treasurer, in account with Bond Fund.

	Dr.	
To cash from Chas. McKean, ex-Treasurer, as per last Auditor's report	$ 794 38	
To cash from Collector J. C. Gallup on bridge bond for 1895	71 50	
To same on building bond 1895	71 55	
To same on sewer bond 1895	143 39	
To cash from J. C. Gallup, duplicate 1896	224 83	1314 65
	Cr.	
By paid boro bond No. 15	400 00	
" " sewer " " 24	300 00	
" " " " " 21	300 00	
" " interest on bonds	250 00	
By 3 per cent. com. on above bonds and coupons	21 00	
By balance due the fund	243 65	1314 65

J. C. GALLUP, Collector, 1895 duplicate.

	Dr.	
To balance last Auditor's report	$ 780 71	
To 5 per cent. added	32 09	712 82
	Cr.	
By exonerations	51 62	
By 5 per cent. commission	34 55	
By cash paid Treas. Gallup	626 40	712 82

J. C. GALLUP, Collector, 1896 duplicate.

	Dr.	
To amount of duplicate	$ 2230 58	2230 58
	Cr.	
By cash paid Treas. Gallup	1534 63	
By 5 per cent. discount to tax-payers on $1 347.67	72 25	
By 2 per cent. commission on net tax received ($1 374.73)	27 49	
By 5 per cent. commission on tax at par $302.23	15 12	
By balance of duplicate outstanding	571 58	2230 58

LIABILITIES.

Order No. 33 year 1894 outstanding	$ 15 00	
Boro bond No. 16	400 00	
Bridge bonds Nos. 17 and 18	800 00	
Sewer bonds Nos. 25 to 48 (inclusive)	4800 00	
Outstanding orders Nos. 57, 67, 70, 74	253 45	6068 45

RESOURCES.

Due from Collector Knapp 1890 duplicate	$ 28 05	
Due from Collector Gallup 1896 boro	295 64	
Due from Collector Gallup 1896 bond	68 78	
Due from Collector Gallup 1896 dog	37 00	
Due from Union St. sewer	73 40	
" " Fulton St. sewer	133 32	
" " Franklin St. sewer	119 77	
" " Byron St. sewer	23 08	
Cash in hands of Treasurer F. D. Gallup	306 45	1279 69
Liabilities in excess of resources		$ 4788 77

And now March 30th, 1897, having examined the accounts of F. D. Gallup, Treasurer, and J. C. Gallup, Collector, we find and report the balances as above stated.

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THE MISSING LINK

By RODRIGUES OTTOLENGUI

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"The object of my visit," began Mr. Barnes, "is of such grave importance that I approach it with hesitation, and I may even say reluctance. Will you give me your closest attention?"

"I understood from your note," replied Mr. Mitchel, "that you wished to consult me in regard to some case which you are investigating. As you are well aware, I take the keenest interest in the solving of criminal problems. Therefore proceed. But first let me light a Havana. A good cigar always aids my perception."

The two men were in the sumptuous library of Mr. Mitchel's new house, which he had bought for his wife shortly after their marriage. It was 10 in the morning, and Mr. Mitchel, just from his breakfast room, was comfortably attired in a smoking jacket. After lighting his cigar, he threw himself into a large Turkish chair, rested his head upon the soft cushioned back and extended his slippered feet toward the grate fire, his legs crossed. As he blew little rings of smoke toward the detective, he seemed absolutely unsuspicious of the story about to be told.

Mr. Barnes, on the contrary, appeared ill at ease. He declined a cigar, and, without removing his overcoat, he leaned his left arm on the low marble mantel as he stood talking, his right being free for gestures when he wished to emphasize a point.

After a brief pause he began:

"While I am not officially connected with the regular police, my young friend Burrows is, and is highly esteemed by the superintendent. You will remember him in connection with that case up in New Hampshire. On that occasion he held opposite views from mine and we worked against each other. But he learned his lesson, and since that time we have been close friends. Now he often consults me when puzzled."

"Somewhat as you have recently honored me?" interjected Mr. Mitchel.

"Precisely!" said Mr. Barnes. "Burrows called upon me about noon on last Sunday. The story which he had to tell was the most remarkable in some respects that I have heard. Briefly it is as follows: As you know, it is common practice among speculating builders to erect a row of houses, finishing them at one end first, so that, not infrequently, one or two of the row may be sold while the mechanics are still at work at the other end. In this manner ten houses have been built in this immediate vicinity."

"In the street just back of me," said Mr. Mitchel.

Mr. Barnes watched him closely at this moment, but he seemed entirely composed and merely attentive. The detective proceeded:

"It appears that two of these houses have been sold and are already occupied. The next four are completed, and the sign 'For Sale' appears in the windows. The others are still in the hands of the workmen. The four which are for sale are in the care of a watchman. They are open for inspection during the day, but he is supposed to lock all the doors before going to his home in the evening and to open them to the public again on the following day. According to this man, he locked all the doors of these four houses on Saturday night at 6 o'clock and opened them again at 8 on Sunday morning. Between 8 and 9 he showed two parties through one of the houses, and after dismissing the last was sitting on the stoop reading the morning paper, when he was startled by hearing a scream.

"A moment later he saw two women rush out of the house next to where he sat, and from their actions it was evident that they were terribly frightened. It was some time before he could get any lucid explanation from either, and when he did he understood them to intimate that some one had been murdered in the house. He asked them to show him to the spot, but they most positively declined. He therefore, with unusual display of common sense, summoned a policeman and with him visited the room indicated by the frightened women, who made no attempt to run away, though they again refused to go into the house, even with the officer. What the two men found was horrible enough to account for the women's actions. In the bathtub lay the body of a woman, the head, hands and feet having been cut off and removed."

"I should say that under these circumstances identification would be most difficult," said Mr. Mitchel, "unless indeed the clothing might afford some clew."

"The body was nude," said the detective.

"In that case, you have to deal with a man who has brains."

"Yes! The murderer has adopted just such methods as I would imagine that you would pursue, Mr. Mitchel, were you in his predicament."

Mr. Mitchel frowned very slightly, and said:

"You offer me a doubtful compliment, Mr. Barnes. Proceed with your case. It is interesting, to say the least."

"It grows more so as we proceed, for we have once more an evidence of the futility of planning a crime which shall leave no clew behind."

"Ah! Then you have found a clew?" Mr. Mitchel removed his cigar to speak, and did not resume his smoking, but seemed more attentive.

"Listen!" said the detective. "The policeman immediately notified his superiors, and by 10 o'clock Burrows was at the house, having been detailed to make an examination. Having done so, and recognizing that he was face to face with a crime of unusual importance, he hastened to solicit my assistance, that I might be early upon the scene. I am satisfied that I reached the house before any material alteration had been made in any of those small and minute details which are overlooked by the careless eye, but which speak volumes to one with experience."

"I suppose, then, that you can describe what existed from your personal investigation? That is more interesting than a report at secondhand."

"I went over the ground thoroughly, as I think you will admit when I have told you all. Here was one of those wonderful cases where the criminal exercised extreme caution to obliterate all traces of the crime. His actions could only be surmised through analytical and deductive methods. There are some facts which cannot be hidden, and from these a keen mind may trace backward. For example, the head and extremities had been removed and a minute scrutiny of the remaining parts might disclose many things."

"Ah! Here we note the triumph of mind over matter." There was just a slight sneer, which nettled the detective. Mr. Barnes proceeded with some asperity. Indeed he spoke more like himself—that is, with less hesitancy, as though heretofore he had found the story hard to tell, but that now his scruples had vanished.

"An examination of the stumps of the arms proved conclusively that a sharp knife had been used, for not only had the tendons and vessels been cleanly severed, but in two places the cartilage, capping the ends of the bond, had been shaved off smoothly."

"Come, Mr. Barnes," said Mr. Mitchel, "do not dwell so upon unimportant details."

"The weapon is always counted as a very important detail," said Mr. Barnes sharply.

"Yes, yes! I know!" said Mr. Mitchel. "But you are above the ordinary detective, and you surely perceive that it is matter of no consequence whether the knife used was sharp or dull. In either case it could be hidden or destroyed, so that it could not be found to serve in evidence."

"Oh, very well!" said Mr. Barnes testily. "I will come to the deductions concerning the neck. Here there were several points of interest. Again it was evident that a sharp knife was used, and in this instance the condition of the edge of the knife becomes important."

"Indeed? How so?"

"The most minute scrutiny of the body disclosed no wound which could have been the cause of death. Unless poison had been administered, there are but three ways by which death could have been effected."

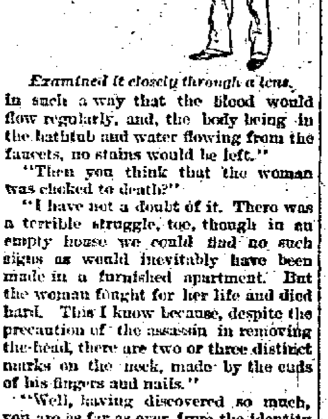
"And those are?"

"Suffocation, either by choking or otherwise; drowning, by holding the head under the water in the bathtub, or by some moral wound inflicted about the head, either by a blow, the use of a knife or a pistol shot. I doubted the pistol, because so careful a man as the assassin evidently was would have avoided the noise. A stab with a knife was possible, but unlikely because of the scream which would surely result. A blow was improbable, unless the man brought the weapon with him, as the house was empty and nothing would accidentally be found at hand.

"To drown the woman it would have been necessary to half fill the tub with water before thrusting the victim in it, and such an action would have aroused her suspicion. Besides, the clothes would have been wet, and this would have interfered with burning them. Thus by exclusion I arrived at the belief that the woman had been choked to death, a method offering the least risk, being noiseless and bloodless."

"What has the sharpness of the knife to do with this?"

"It was, in my mind, important to decide whether the head had been removed before or after death. A dull knife would not have aided me, as a sharp one did. With a sharp knife a severing of the carotid artery before death would have resulted in a spurting of blood, which would have stained the walls or floor, so that it would have been difficult or impossible to wash away the telltale marks. But after death, or even while the victim were unconscious, a cool hand with a sharp blade could cut down upon the artery in such a way that the blood would flow regularly, and, the body being in the bathtub and water flowing from the faucets, no stains would be left."



Examined it closely through a lens.

"Then you think that the woman was choked to death?"

"I have not a doubt of it. There was a terrible struggle, too, though in an empty house we could find no such signs as would inevitably have been made in a furnished apartment. But the woman fought for her life and died hard. This I know because, despite the precaution of the assassin in removing the head, there are two or three distinct marks on the neck, made by the ends of his fingers and nails."

"Well, having discovered so much, you are as far as ever from the identity of the criminal or of the woman."

"Every point unraveled is so much gain," said Mr. Barnes evasively. "My next deduction was more important. Let us picture the scene of the crime. For causes as yet unknown this man wished to kill this woman. He lures her into this empty house, and, choosing a favorable moment, seizes her by the throat and strangles her to death. To prevent the identification of the corpse, he decided to remove the head, hands and feet, parts which are personally characteristic. He takes off the clothes and burns them. We found the ashes in the kitchen stove. He takes the body to the bathroom, and, placing it in the porcelain tub, turns on the water and then proceeds with his diabolical scheme. Even though we suppose that he first filled the tub with water, the better to avoid stains, when we remember that he took away the severed parts, it is inconceivable that not a stain of blood, not a smudge of pinkish tint, would be left anywhere. Granting that he might have endeavored to wash away any such drippings, still it would be marvelous that not one stain should be left."

"Yet you found none?" Mr. Mitchel smiled and resumed his smoking.

"Yet I found none!" said Mr. Barnes. "But this was a most significant fact to me. It led me to a suspicion which I proceeded to verify. The plumbing in this house was of the most approved pattern. Under the porcelain bathtub there was a patent trap for the exclusion of sewer gas. This is so fashioned that some water always remains. Supposing that bloody water had passed through it, I should find this trap partly filled with water tinted in color. I removed the screw, which enabled me to catch the water from the trap in a bowl. It was perfectly clear. Not a trace of color."

"From which you deduced?" asked Mr. Mitchel.

"From which I deduced," said the detective, "that the woman had not been killed or dismembered in the house where she was found. Moreover, by examining the other houses and emptying the traps, I found one which yielded water plainly colored with blood, and I also found a few smudges about the bathtub, places where blood had flowed and been washed off. The assassin thought that he had made all clean; but, as often happens with porcelain, when dried there still remained a slight stain, which even showed the direction in which it had been wiped."

"Very good! Very good indeed!" Mr. Mitchel yawned slightly. "Let me see. You have discovered what? That the knife was sharp! And that the woman was killed in one house and carried to another. How does that help you?"

At this point Mr. Barnes gave Mr. Mitchel a distinct surprise. Instead of answering the question, he asked suddenly:

"Mr. Mitchel, will you permit me to examine that watch chain which you are wearing?"

Mr. Mitchel sat up straight in his chair and looked sharply at the detective, as though trying to read his inmost thoughts. The detective stared back at him, and both were silent a moment. Then, without speaking, Mr. Mitchel removed the chain and handed it to Mr. Barnes, who took it with him to the window and there examined it closely through a lens. Mr. Mitchel threw the remains of his cigar into the fire, and, placing both hands behind his head as he lay back in his chair, he awaited developments. Presently Mr. Barnes returned to his place by the mantel, and in resuming his narrative it was noticeable from his tone of voice that he was more than ever troubled.

"You asked me," said he, "how my discoveries helped me. I say from the bottom of my heart that they have helped only too well. That I proceed in this matter is due to the fact that I must follow the dictates of my conscience rather than my heart."

"Brutus yielded up his son, you know," suggested Mr. Mitchel.

"Yes! Well, to resume my story. The point of importance was this: Imagine the assassin with both hands at the woman's throat, two things were inevitable. The woman would surely struggle with arms and legs, and the murderer would be unable to resist, his own hands being occupied. What more natural than that the arms of the dying woman should be wrapped about the body of her assailant; that the hands should grasp and rend the clothing? Might perhaps come into contact with a watch chain and tear it off or break it?"

"And are you intending to examine all the watch chains in the neighborhood upon such a chance as that?" Mr. Mitchel laughed, but Mr. Barnes took no notice of the intended taunt.

"I have examined the only chain I wished to look at. Deducing the struggle and the possible tearing off of some part of the assassin's attire, I was glad to know which house was the scene of the crime. Having satisfied myself in this direction, I proceeded to search for the missing link in the chain of evidence, though I must confess that I did not expect it to be truly a link, a part of a real chain. The idea that a watch chain might have been broken in the struggle did not occur to me until I held the evidence in my hand."

"Oh! Then you did find your missing link?"

"Yes. I personally swept every room and the staircase, and at last I found the link. But it would be more correct to say your missing links than mine, Mr. Mitchel, for it was from this chain that it was broken."

"Indeed!" Mr. Barnes was amazed at the imperturbable manner in which this statement was received. Becoming slightly agitated himself, he continued:

"As soon as I picked up that link I was shocked at my discovery, for from its peculiar shape I recognized it as similar to your chain, which I had often observed. Still I hope that there might be some mistake; that it might have fallen from some other man. But you have permitted me to examine this chain and the last doubt is swept away. I note that every alternate link is solid, the intermediate ones having a slit, by which the links are joined into a chain. The wrench given by the dying woman strained one of these links so that it opened, allowing the chain to part, and later this particular link dropped off. Either you did not observe it at once or else, being small, you could not find it. If this occurred as I have described, what would be the result? Your chain, where parted, would terminate at each end with a solid link. Thus to unite the chain again my lens shows me that you have sawed through one link and so rejoined your chain. But not only do I see the freshly sawed link, but as must necessarily be the case, we have two links adjacent, each of which can be opened."

"And your next move will be?" asked Mr. Mitchel, still undisturbed.

"I have no recourse open to me except to arrest you. That is why I have found this whole interview so painful."

"I understand your position, and sympathize with you thoroughly," said Mr. Mitchel. "And yet, see how easily you might dismiss this whole theory of yours. These houses are in my neighborhood, immediately back of me, in fact. I am a householder. What more natural than my taking an interest in property so near me. Why may I not have visited the houses and examined them? Then, what more possible than the chance that in passing from one room to another my chain should have caught on a doorknob and been broken, the link dropping as you have suggested? My repairing the damage would be but a natural sequence, and the subsequent murder and your train of reasoning are resolved into mere coincidences."

"That is ingenious, Mr. Mitchel. But some instinct tells me that I am right, and that you did commit this crime."

"Intuition, which I suppose is what you mean by instinct, is not always reliable; but, oddly enough, in this instance you are correct. I did kill that creature. Moreover, the sequence of events was as you have deduced. I commend you for your skill, for, believe me, I used every precaution to prevent detection."

"Then you confess? My God! This is horrible!"

At the prospect of arresting Mr. Mitchel, a man who had won his most ardent admiration, Mr. Barnes was so overcome that he sank into a chair and stared blankly at his companion.

"Come, come!" said Mr. Mitchel, "don't break down like that. The affair is bad enough, I admit, but it might be worse."

"Might be worse!" ejaculated Mr. Barnes, amazed at the words as well as the half jocular tone.

"Why, yes! Much worse! Why, Mr. Barnes, have you not had evidence of my ability to thwart detectives before today? Do you suppose that I shall permit myself to be detected, arrested, imprisoned in this affair? Nothing is farther from my mind, I assure you. True, you have, with your uncommon skill, discovered a part of the truth. But that need not trouble me, for no other detective will be as shrewd!"

"Do you mean to suggest that I should shield you in this matter?"

"Well, yes, that is about what I expect from your friendship."

"Impossible, impossible! I wish that I could do what you ask. But no. It is impossible."

"There! I have tried your patience long enough. Let me tell you the whole story, and then you may decide as you please. Immediately after that unfortunate affair with my cousin, and after abducting little Rose from the Montalbon woman, I took her with me to Paris, where I placed her in a convent school.

"A few months after this a friend presented me with a poodle. French poodles, as you know, are considered the most intelligent of all dogs, and this one seemed to be the wisest of his species. My friend had already trained him to perform many tricks, and these were done at command, without special signals, so that I could not but believe what my friend claimed, that the dog actually understood what was said to him. Thinking this matter over one day it presented itself to me in a singular light.

"With a savage cry the brute was upon me."

"In the training of animals man has always aimed to make the dumb brute understand and carry out the master's wishes. No one, so far as I then knew, had ever trained a dog to express his own wishes in any way intelligible to the master. This I undertook to do and was fairly successful. I printed words on cards, such as 'food,' 'drink,' 'yard,' etc., and, by means which I need not recapitulate, I taught my dog to bring me the special card which would represent his wishes. Thus when he was thirsty he could ask for 'water,' or when he wished to leave the house he brought the card marked 'yard.' Imagine my astonishment when, one day, a little Skye terrier belonging to another lodger in the house came to me with the 'food' card in his mouth. At first I supposed it to be merely an accident, but I soon discovered that the terrier understood the cards as well as did the poodle. How, unless the poodle had taught him? Do dogs, then, have a language by which they may communicate with each other?

"This was a new thought, which attracted me more and more as I revolved it in my mind. Then it occurred to me that if animals have a language, monkeys would offer the best field for study, and I began investigating. The discovery that the apes do have a language has been made recently by Mr. Garner, and by him the fact has been published to the world. But I made the discovery several years ago, though I kept it to myself, for reasons which you shall hear.

"I practiced upon the monkeys in the zoological gardens in Paris and London until I was a veritable crank on the subject of monkey language. Nothing would satisfy me but a trip to Africa. Thither I went, and made great progress, so that by the time I captured a fine chimpanzee on the Kongo I was able to readily make him understand that I meant him no harm. At first he received my overtures with hesitation, his previous experience with my race rendering him skeptical as to my good qualities. But after a time we became good friends, or, I might say, chums. After that I gave him his liberty and we took strolls together. He was a very sociable fellow when one really got to know him well, but we found the resources of the monkey language inadequate to our needs. The experiment with my dog recurred to me, and I undertook to teach him a human tongue. I chose German as the best adapted to his limitations, and he made such progress that in a few months we could converse with tolerable ease.

"I undertook to tell him something of the world of civilization, and one day it occurred to me to expound to him the Darwinian theory. He listened with an expression of learned thought upon his face which would have well suited the countenance of a philosopher, but when I had finished he astounded me by announcing that he thought he could show me that higher race of apes which, being more humanly developed than any species now known, might well be designated the missing link, which connects the simian race with man. I begged him to do so, and he undertook the task, though he said that it involved a long journey. I urged him to go, and he left me.

"A month had passed, and I had begun to think that my new found friend had deserted me, when one day he walked into camp, accompanied by the most humanlike ape I had ever seen. It was neither chimpanzee nor gorilla, but a combination of both in those characteristics which were most manlike. The most conspicuous advance beyond the anthropoid apes now known was the hairless skin. The hands and feet, too, were more human in shape, though on the latter the hallux still retained its prehensile character, which perhaps is necessary to a tree dweller. The face was peculiarly human, though the jaws retained certain distinguishing attributes of the ape—as, for example, the space between the anterior and posterior teeth and the fanglike canine teeth.

"As you must already suspect the sequel, I may hurry on to the end. This creature was a female, and in the trip to our camp my chimpanzee friend had become much attached to her—indeed I may say he had fallen in love with her. He had also begun her higher education, so that when we met she was able to address a few words to me in German. As you may well imagine I was greatly interested in this animal and did all in my power to teach her. She made even more rapid progress than the chimpanzee had, and I was thinking of the sensation I could produce in Paris by sending cards of invitation to the nuptials of my monkey friends, which I determined should occur in the great metropolis.

"Imagine my horror one morning upon finding the chimpanzee dead. I did not immediately comprehend the full significance of this; but, upon questioning the ape a few days later, she candidly confessed to me that she had killed the chimpanzee, her only reason being that having decided for the future to live as a human being she deemed it wise to destroy her companion, that he might not be able to divulge the secret of her origin.

"Instantly my mind was awakened to a danger which menaced myself. I, too, knew the secret of her savage ancestry. And the fact that she had not slain me also was probably due to her hope that I would fulfill my promise and take her with me to more civilized parts. Indeed, so certain was I of this that I took the first opportunity to foster that ambition in her bosom. At the same time I carefully planned a secret departure, and a few nights later succeeded in getting away unobserved while the ape slept. Throughout the journey to the coast I constantly feared pursuit, but was fortunate enough to get safely on shipboard without hearing more of the savage creature.

"At dusk on last Saturday I was strolling through the next street, when to my amazement I saw coming toward me what appeared to be a woman, whose face, however, was so startlingly like the ape which I had left in Africa that for a moment I was dazed. In the next instant, realizing that if my suspicion were true I might be in danger even after the lapse of time and hoping that it was merely a chance resemblance, I quickly turned into one of the new houses still open for inspection. I did not dare to look behind me, and even thought it a trick of my excited imagination, when I fancied that I heard steps following me as I ascended to the second floor.

"I turned upon reaching the floor above, and instantly with a savage cry the brute was upon me, her hands upon my throat, making a desperate effort to strangle me. I gripped her neck in a similar manner, scarcely hoping to save my life. Fortune favored me, however, and after a lengthy struggle the ape lay dead at my feet. I suppose that several years of life in civilization had sapped her savage strength.

"My subsequent proceedings were actuated by two motives. In the first place any public connection of my name with such a horrible occurrence would naturally have greatly annoyed my wife, and, secondly, I could not resist my innate fondness for contending with detectives. I removed the head, hands and feet to prevent identification, and also because with them I can convince you that the animal was an ape and not a woman. As there is no law against the killing of an ape you must see, Mr. Barnes, that it would be futile to arrest me."

"You are right," replied Mr. Barnes, "and I am truly glad that your explanation places you beyond the law. You must forgive me for my suspicion."

The two men joined hands in a firm clasp, which cemented their friendship and guaranteed that the secret which they shared would never be divulged by either.

THE END.

How Girls Cheat Examiners.

Examiners report that fully 50 per cent of the failures in government examinations are due to inability to spell correctly, so it is not a matter of very great surprise to find candidates endeavoring to guard against a possibility of failure by the illicit use of dictionaries. At an examination for lady clerkships one of the candidates was seen to have constant recourse to a large smelling bottle which stood on her table. The lynx eyed inspector, however, noticed that previous to applying it to her nose she invariably gazed into the interior, apparently anxious to ascertain its contents. Being suspicious that matters were not exactly as they should be, he expressed a desire to examine the bottle, and promptly had his suspicions verified, for the contents proved to be a hexagonal shaped roller, on each side of which was inscribed in minute characters a large number of words usually misspelled. The roller communicated with a small screw on the outside of the bottle, the turning of which brought the several faces of the roller successively into view.

At the same examination a girl was discovered to be in possession of a handkerchief on which a number of words had been written. Another fruitful cause of failure is the inability of candidates to reproduce the memory map which usually forms the most important part of an examination in geography. Several instances have been discovered of candidates copying from miniature maps scratched on coins and other small articles. Another dodge is as follows: Upon a small piece of wood is traced the outline of a map, and then at short intervals in the outline sharpened pieces of fine wire are placed (the fine ends of needles are usually used). When this is pressed upon paper, the points, of course, make an impression, and when these are joined a very fair representation of a map is produced. Thus, having a copy in miniature, the drawing of an excellent map is a very easy matter.—Cassell's Journal.

Roman Food.

Among the Romans the adulteration of food was unknown. They were noted for the purity of all staple articles of nutrition. In this particular they were far in advance of us, with whom the adulteration of food is the rule rather than the exception. With us flour, chalk and plaster of paris are mixed; with bread, alum and sulphate of copper; vinegar, with mineral acids; pickles with copper; tea, with prussian blue; and pepper and spices and many other articles with all sorts of ingredients. If the Romans had the advantage over us in this particular, we excel them in the variety of our aliments and in modes of preparation. Of the few things they possessed in common with us asparagus was one. With them, however, the stalks were much larger, three or four not infrequently weighing a pound. It was eaten, as with us, with a white sauce. Preparations of pork were similar. Indeed it is from the Romans that we derive a knowledge of how to make brawn, sausage and black puddings. The two last were invented in the reign of Tiberius. The puddings were made of pig's blood interspersed with cubes of fat, precisely as they are prepared today. Dormice were also considered a great delicacy by the Romans. They were specially fattened, and were used as a basis for soup and in the form of sausage and brawn.—Exchange.

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REPUBLICAN CAUCUS CALL.

The Republican caucus for primary election will be held at the regular polling place in accordance with the Rules of the Republican party of McKean county, on Saturday, April [illegible], 1897, between the hours of four and eight o'clock p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination a candidate for Additional Law Judge, Jury Commissioner, and three delegates to the State Convention, and for the election in each district of a member of the County Committee to serve for the ensuing year, and that the County Convention be held in the Court House at Smethport, on Tuesday, April [illegible], at two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of computing the vote of said districts, and for the purpose of electing a County Chairman for the ensuing year.

WALTER [illegible], Chairman.
FRANK A. [illegible], Sec'y.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SMETHPORT, PA., January 29th, 1897.

MCKEAN MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for nomination to the office of Additional Law Judge of the 48th Judicial District, subject to the Rules of the Republican party.

THOMAS A. MORRISON.

EDITOR MINER:—You are authorized to announce that I am a candidate for the office of Additional Law Judge of the 48th Judicial District subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

[illegible] MULLIN.
Bradford, Pa., March 24, 1897.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for delegate from McKean county to the State convention, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

C. S. KING.
Port Allegany, Feb. 18, 1897.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for delegate from McKean county to the State convention, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

M. W. MOFFITT.
Kane, Feb. 18, 1897.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for delegate from McKean county to the State convention, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

W. W. BROWN.
Bradford, Feb. 18, 1897.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for delegate from McKean county to the State convention, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

[illegible] CHADWICK.
Smethport, Feb. 24, 1897.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce me as a candidate for delegate to next Republican State convention, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

W. E. BURDICK.
Bradford, Feb. 24, 1897.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for delegate from McKean county to the State convention, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

JOHN W. CAMPBELL.
Kane, Feb. 24, 1897.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Jury Commissioner, subject to the usages of the Republican primaries.

WALTER OSTRANDER.
Lafayette township, March 2, 1897.

CHARLEMAGNE TOWER of Philadelphia will be Minister to Austria.

THE State of New York in the last ten years has had 1,600,000 genuine drunks.

HENRY CLAY EVANS of Tennessee has been appointed Commissioner of Pensions.

THE Dingley tariff bill passed the House Wednesday by a vote of 205 ayes and 122 nays.

WHY don't the great powers of Europe throw a little Greece on the troubled waters of the Adriatic sea?

HON. WM. H. SHALLENBERGER of Beaver, Pa., will receive the appointment of Second Assistant Postmaster General.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY does not weigh but a little more than half as much as Cleveland, yet Spain seems to have much more regard for his wishes in respecting the rights of American citizens.

THE wind that has been started in Congress by the advocating of protection principles has been the cause of fanning into flame many a fire in the manufactures of Rhode Island and Connecticut.

ROBERT BONNER mentions the striking fact that when he bought his first trotting horse in 1854 only 19 horses, living and dead, had trotted a mile in 2:30. Now there are more than 13,000 in the list.—Phila. Press.

It is becoming as plain as the nose on a man's face that the tariff is not a sectional issue, as evidenced by the many Southern Democratic Senators and Representatives who are inclined to support the Dingley bill. Even the most radical free traders in our own section are saying very little against the measure, having become satisfied that the Dingley bill could not be half as injurious to American industries as the Wilson bill. General Grant never uttered a greater truth than when he said, "the best way to get rid of a bad law is to enforce it." The Wilson bill has been enforced, and it has even made the originators of it sick with its effects and they are willing to throw their own work aside and adopt Republican principles of protection.

WILL BE NO CLASH.

It must be a source of gratification to the Hon. T. A. Morrison, that at the expiration of his first term of 10 years as judge of this district, he should receive a re-nomination without opposition, as is now more certain that he will. It is not often the case that the nomination for an office of such prominence and so greatly desired by the profession as that of judge, should the second time be bestowed without a contest. The stubborn fights which a judge has to determine, always to the disappointment of either plaintiff or defendant, must of necessity engender bitterness. The jurist who can uniformly so determine the contests as to leave no lasting resentment on the part of the many attorneys interested must have skill as well as thorough knowledge of the law. No man in this regard has more conspicuously succeeded than Judge Morrison.

Some talk has been indulged in to the effect that Potter county will feel [illegible] to endorse the action of McKean county in behalf of Judge Morrison. Nothing could be more unlikely to happen than such a course on the part of Potter county. It would be absurd to assume that Potter county would place herself in any such antagonistic to the wishes of McKean county, when at a period very near at hand she will be asking for the successor of Judge Olmsted. And it would be just as impertinent for McKean to insist that another than the one asked for by that county should be named as his successor. Be assured there will be no clashing between Potter and McKean in the matter of the additional law judgeship. Judge Morrison will be the unanimous choice of the party in both counties—at least from present indications, and there is no probability of a change in the short time that yet remains before the primaries.—Bradford Post.

If your children are troubled with colds, croup or whooping cough, you will be interested in the statement of Mr. L. A. Hall, Jr. & Bro., large general merchants at Pleasant Gap, Pa. Mr. Hall says: "Whenever my children are afflicted with croup I give them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and it always affords a prompt cure. My customers like this remedy very much, and there are some who say it has been the means of saving their children's lives. The 25 and 50 cent bottles are for sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

One minute is all the time necessary to decide upon general experience that One Minute Cough Cure does what its name implies. A. W. [illegible], Smethport, A. E. [illegible], East Smethport.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Mch. 29, '97.—Chairman Dingley made short work of the juggling of per centage figures by which the Democrats in the House sought to make it appear that the Dingley tariff bill, which will this week be passed by the House, carried a higher average rate of duties than the McKinley bill did. Said Mr. Dingley: "Notwithstanding glass, tobacco, sugars, and, I think, silk to some extent, notwithstanding that in every schedule except these the present bill carries actual duty less than was carried in the Act of 1890, and notwithstanding the fact that in many of the schedules it carries duties substantially the same as those in the present (Democratic) law, yet if you convert these specific duties into ad valorem percentages, not taking into consideration the changes of value between 1890 and 1896, you appear to have an increase of duties imposed, when, as a matter of fact, the actual duties imposed are less."

No better refutation could be given of the mischievous stories alleging the physical breaking down of President McKinley than that after a hard day's work at his desk he attended the dinner given by the Gridiron Club in honor of the President and his cabinet and for several hours enjoyed himself as much as the youngest man present.

So many complaints have reached Washington concerning the introduction of lottery methods into the business of obtaining patents that Senator Hansbrough has introduced a bill making it a misdemeanor for any person or firm engaged in the business of soliciting patents to conduct a premium or prize scheme by offering inventors a *prize* as an inducement for them to enter an alleged competition of ideas. A similar bill will probably be introduced in the House, thus giving both branches of Congress an early opportunity to protect the U. S. government, which is practically a partner in the patent business, from the odium necessarily attached to lottery methods.

The Democrats in the House are now very sorry that they said a word about trusts in their fights upon the Dingley *tariff* bill. They got a *fool* idea in their heads that they could frighten the Republicans by yelling "trusts" at them. They know better now. That line of attack gave the Republicans an opportunity to call the attention, or rather to jog the memory of the public to the indisputable fact that the trusts have been more numerous and more grasping under the Democratic administration and tariff law than ever before, and that the Democrats made their last campaign *solely in the interests of* what Gen. Grosvenor so aptly called "the trust which controls a monopoly of what God gave—the silver trust." The fact is also recalled that when the Sherman anti-trust law, recently upheld by a decision of the U. S. Supreme Court, was before the House, the leading Democratic members voted against its being taken up for consideration, although they did not dare vote against the bill itself when it was put upon its final passage. They found the trust argument a veritable boomerang, and about the only excuse they had to offer was that they were not responsible *for Grover Cleveland*.

The Senate Committee on Appropriations, although not controlled by Republicans, has endorsed the action of the House in passing those left over appropriation bills without change, by reporting the agricultural bill to the Senate just as it passed the House, and will probably do likewise with the other bills.

President McKinley has told several gentlemen who were applicants for the same position they held under the Harrison administration that he would not appoint them, no matter how strongly backed they were, because he had made up his mind not to make such appointments, except in cases where there might be some extraordinary circumstances justifying a deviation from the rule. This is not because he has not a high opinion of the ex-officials, but because he thinks others should now have an opportunity to the party honors.

The vacancies in the Senate committees are worrying the opposition more than they are the Republicans although the latter are perfectly willing that they should be filled, but so long as the opposition cannot agree to work together and assume the responsibilities of the majority, the Republicans very naturally object to allowing the Democrats who are only one faction of the majority, to dictate how those vacancies shall be filled. Although not in a majority, the Republicans were given the important chairmanships of the Senate during the last Congress, and they now insist upon the vacancies being filled so as to give them control of the important committees or not at all, unless the opposition chooses to combine and reorganize all the committees on a silver basis by taking the chairmanships away from the Republicans.

DUN'S REPORT.

Rarely have markets sustained such surprises as they have received of late with so little loss. Foreign conditions and London alarms, the collapse of the iron ore combination, the destructive floods in *the Mississippi Valley*, and the decision of the Supreme Court against railway associations, have been used to the utmost, but not even in railroad stocks has the result been important. Were all associations of railroads to cease, it would yet be in the power of capital controlling important lines to stop serious rate-cutting if it chose. With confidence that better times and larger business are coming, men are less disposed every day to throw away good investments, and the very fact that prices of products are low is regarded as a guarantee against much further decline. In all industries, also, the number of mills and shops and hands at work gradually increases.

The railroads have been subjected to so much loss of late by cutting of rates, in spite of all associations, that the possibility of open and unrestricted competition, instead of agreements which restrict only the more honest, may well have a sobering influence. The earnings for March thus far, only .4 per cent. below last year's, and 11.3 below those of 1892, compare not unfavorably with the *fall returns* for February, .7 per cent. below last year's and 10.8 below those of 1892. Tonnage eastbound is not quite 3 per cent. below last year's, and 8 per cent. below that of 1893; and a shade more business activity would change all that. Stocks were heavily sold after the Supreme Court decision and the withdrawal of some western roads from various associations, but railway shares average a decline of only $1 per share, showing that there are men of faith as well as *men of fear*. Industrial and manufacturing stocks generally are stiff, in the belief that heavy purchases of cheap material will insure profit when business moves forward.

When in need of a good reliable cough medicine remember that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy not only relieves but cures. Mr. Joseph Rogers of West Warren, Pa., when suffering from a very severe cold and cough took this remedy with the best results. He says it helped effectually and not only relieved but cured him. If you have any fear of pneumonia, by all means chose this remedy, as it counteracts any tendency of a cold toward pneumonia. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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MERCANTILE APPRAISEMENT

For the Year 1897.

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Class.	Name.	Tax and Costs.
	BRADFORD CITY.	
14	Ansello, J	$7 75
12	Auerhaim, S	13 25
14	Albert, M W	7 75
13	Alden, J B	10 75
14	Adamson, W A	7 75
14	Alegretto, F A	7 75
14	Andrews, Henry	7 75
14	Brown, T	7 75
13	Bell Dry Goods Co	10 75
14	Burns, A D	7 75
13	Brennan & Davis	10 75
13	Brown, T B	10 75
14	Bradburn & Chisholm	7 75
14	Blossom & Toy	7 75
14	Bishop & Mathews	7 75
12	Beal, Simons & Co	13 25
14	Boviard & Co	7 75
13	Bailey, L	10 75
14	Brink, L M	7 75
11	Boyle & Williams	15 75
14	Bennett, G G	7 75
14	Burchfield, J M	7 75
14	Bissett, J J	7 75
14	Blair, Sam	7 75
12	Bodine, G A	13 25
14	Butterfield, J A	7 75
14	Brand, S	7 75
12	Boviard & Seyfang M'f'g Co	13 25
14	Berwald, M	7 75
14	Collins, N R & Co	7 75
13	Cohn Bros	10 75
14	Cross, J B	7 75
14	Cohn, Wolf	7 75
14	Catherine, B C	7 75
14	Chappell, E B	7 75
14	Carr, H C	7 75
14	Caskey, E L & Son	7 75
14	Delmonico Market	7 75
14	Degolier, M A	7 75
14	Davis & Cottrell	7 75
14	Dubois, C H	7 75
14	Davis, W C	7 75
14	David, O E	7 75
13	Drew, D T	10 75
14	Degolier, E	7 75
14	Denninger, C H	7 75
11	Kloskey, J	15 75
14	Ertz & Ertz	7 75
9	Emery, L Jr & Co	25 75
13	Ertz & Joseph	10 75
14	Field, W L	7 75
12	Fisher, L A & Co	13 25
14	Fordonski, S	7 75
14	Fox, J B	7 75
14	Friedenberg, H	7 75
14	Fellows, B L & Co	7 75
14	Fagnan & Green	7 75
14	Fritts, C G	7 75
14	Fisher, Solomon	7 75
12	Greenewald & Co	13 25
12	Goodwin, J J	13 25
14	Greek American Confectionery	7 75
14	Greek American Fruit Co	7 75
14	Gee, H B	7 75
13	Groves, G F	10 75
12	Goodman, Ellis	13 25
14	Griffith, T M & Son	7 75
14	Gately & Gray	7 75
14	Goodliff, H E	7 75
14	Green, B F	7 75
14	Hughes, M H	7 75
13	Hart, W D	10 75
14	Hatch, W D, Main St	7 75
14	Healy, D	7 75
14	Hutchinson, W A	7 75
11	Hammond, G H & Co	15 75
14	Healey, John	7 75
14	Heckel, Jacob	7 75
14	Hawkins & Jewell	7 75
14	Hempstead, A J	7 75
14	Harrington, A T	7 75
14	Hatch, W D, Mechanic St	7 75
14	Heathcote & German	7 75
14	Hesvey, A D	7 75
14	Hinman, R P	7 75
14	Hermes & Son	7 75
14	Hubbard, J F	7 75
14	Healey, B	7 75
14	Irvin, B F	7 75
14	Johnson, B B	7 75
14	Johnson, John	7 75
14	Johnson & Buddy	7 75
14	Jacobs, T	7 75
11	Kreinson, J	15 75
14	Kilgore, J	7 75
14	Koch, Otto	7 75
14	Kimball & McClellan	7 75
14	Kettle, Ed & Co	7 75
14	Lane, D J	7 75
14	Levy, S S	7 85
14	Levine, C	7 75
13	Lines, W H & S V	10 75
14	Lowenthal, P L	7 75
14	Lacroix, F T	7 75
14	Long, W J	7 75
14	Leonard, J F	7 75
14	Lewis & Co	7 75
14	Lane, O J	7 75
12	Loveless & Schiewe	13 25
14	Loveless, D S	7 75
14	Leroy, Fred H	7 75
14	March, Louis	7 75
14	Mayer, A & Co	7 75
14	Marcks, T	7 75
13	McConnell, A P	10 75
12	Marks Clothing Co	13 25
13	McEvoy Brothers	10 75
14	Mullaney, James	7 75
14	McElwaine Company, Ltd	7 75
14	Meyers, John	7 75
14	Morrow, C H	7 75
14	Miller, M H	7 75
14	McIntyre, R E	7 75
14	Maisse, L	7 75
14	McGraw, James	7 75
14	Neilly, J W	7 75
12	Nusbaum & Steinberger	13 25
14	Neely, W O	7 75
14	Nichols & McClintick	7 75
14	Nusbaum, M A	7 75
9	Oil Well Supply Co	25 75
14	Oxley, W H	7 75
14	O'Donnell, A A Est.	7 75
14	Onofro, J	7 75
14	Orange, S, No. 1	7 75
14	Orange, S, No. 2	7 75
12	Palmer, W C & Co	13 25
14	Pisio, A	7 75
14	Pitkin, L & Son	7 75
14	Paul & Layman	7 75
14	Plague, Harry	7 75
14	Peterson & Backman	7 75
14	Phillips, H, No. 1 Main St	7 75
14	Phillips, H, No. 2 Washington St	7 75
14	Pomeroy, M L	7 75
14	Rothstein, B F	7 75
13	Rosenberg, R	10 75
13	Rothstein & Lippman Bros	10 75
14	Rosenthal, B	7 75
14	Ross, Lewis	7 75
14	Robinson, W S	7 75
14	Rogalsky, J	7 75
14	Rook, D H	7 75
14	Richard & Walrath	7 75
14	Rothstein, Joe	7 75
11	Racket Store	15 75
14	Spangler, G W, Ag't	7 75
14	Southwick, E P & Co	7 75
14	Simons, A R	7 75
13	Sloan & Erwin	10 75
13	Smith Bros	10 75
12	Silverberg, F	13 25
14	Snyder, C	7 75
12	Sileaky & Scott	13 25
14	Singer Sewing Machine Co	7 75
14	Sturm, Bush & Goucher	7 75
11	Swift & Company	15 75
14	Simpson, A	7 75
14	Tammaro, G	7 75
12	Thompson & Wood	13 25
13	Terrell Bros	10 75
14	Union Pacific Tea Co	7 75
14	VanVorls, H A	7 75
14	Weiss, John	7 75
14	Whitestone, D	7 75
14	Welsh, J	7 75
14	Williams, G A	7 75
14	Weaver Bros	7 75
14	Woodbury, M A	7 75
14	Ward & Riley	7 75
14	Weaver Bros	7 75
14	Winsor, W A	7 75
14	Wichensky, J	7 75
14	Wagner, C	7 75
14	Wynkoop, L M	7 75
14	Woodworth Bros	7 75
14	Zook & Co	7 75
14	Acoss, Rathbone	7 75
14	Hamilton, B F	7 75
14	Morrison & Co	7 75
14	Miller, A & Son	7 75
14	Kent, P A	7 75
	Brokers.	
14	Moss Bros	7 75
14	Higgins, W C	7 75
	Real Estate Dealers.	
14	Allen, A	7 75
14	Balton, Andy	7 75
14	Clough, L L	7 75
14	Heath, J C	7 75
14	Kennedy, C H	7 75
	Eating Houses.	
8	Eygabroat & O'Donnell	5 75
8	McCourt, N W	5 75
8	Nelson, N P	5 75
8	Jaynes, J B	5 75
8	Russell, John	5 75
8	Wilcox, A H	5 75
8	Weaver Bros	5 75
	Billiard Tables.	
	Bradley, F E, 6 tables	80 75
	Boviard, W Jr, Ag't, 3 tables	50 75
	Baker, F C, 4 tables	60 75
	Fox, J C, 3 tables	50 75
	Delaney & Matteson, 4 tables	60 75
	Holly, F P, 4 tables	60 75
	Keefer Bros, 5 tables	70 75
	O'Hern, Daniel, 3 tables	50 75
	Bowling Alleys.	
	Wood, W C, 3 alleys	50 75
	EAST BRADFORD.	
14	Andrews, D P	7 75
14	Bickford, F A	7 75
14	Boyes, H	7 75
14	Brown, T D	7 75
13	Cushing & Meldrum	10 75
14	Clark, E R	7 75
14	Calhoun, John & Son	7 75
14	Douglas, C L	7 75
14	Hanna, R	7 75
14	Haggerty, M A	7 75
14	Hanna, W N	7 75
14	Moulton, A D	7 75
14	Slack & Morrow	7 75
14	Spencer, O F	7 75
14	Smith, J C	7 75
14	Thossen, M	7 75
14	Winsor, C E	7 75
	Billiard Tables.	
	Newcomb, H, 3 tables	50 75
	ANNIN TOWNSHIP.	
	Turtle Point.	
14	Knapp, T L	7 75
14	Taylor, James	7 75
	BRADFORD TOWNSHIP.	
	Custer City.	
14	Conger & Co	7 75
14	Pitkin, L	7 75
14	Tibbits, S D	7 75
	CERES TOWNSHIP.	
	Ceres.	
14	Coon, O P	7 75
14	Grow & Roberts	7 75
	Myrtle.	
14	Holly, W W	7 75
	CORYDON TOWNSHIP.	
	Sugar Run.	
14	Stout & Holden	7 75
	ELDRED TOWNSHIP.	
	State Line Mills.	
14	Georgia & Co	7 75
	Indian Creek.	
14	Mills, B M	7 75
	Larabee.	
14	Layton, J H	7 75
	Sartwell.	
14	Kane, Thomas	7 75
14	James Phalen	7 75
	ELDRED BOROUGH.	
13	Burdon, A T	10 75
13	[illegible] Bros	10 75
14	[illegible]	7 75
13	[illegible], C W & Co	10 75
14	[illegible]	7 75
14	[illegible], A	7 75
14	Langdon, W T	7 75
14	Llewellyn, W R	7 75
14	Martin, W H	7 75
14	[illegible], S G	7 75
14	Marsh, R I	7 75
14	Peters, George	7 75
14	Sherwood, S R	7 75
14	White, H L	7 75
14	Welch, J C	7 75
14	Young & Grove, No. 1	7 75
14	Young & Grove, No. 2	7 75
14	Hennick, J	7 75
14	Hopewell, W A & B T	7 75
14	Sartwell, T L	7 75
	Eating House.	
8	Patrick Cull	5 75
	Billiards.	
	M H Walsh, 4 tables	60 75
	FOSTER TOWNSHIP.	
	Derrick City.	
14	Johnson & Johnson	7 75
	Gilmore.	
14	Brown, S	7 75
14	Huston & Sell	7 75
14	McKay, M	7 75
14	Norton, M	7 75
	Dallas City.	
14	Hughes, J C	7 75
	Summit City.	
14	Jaynes, J M	7 75
	Sawyer City.	
14	Woodard, G H	7 75
	HAMLIN TOWNSHIP.	
	Lantz.	
14	Lantz, N P	7 75
	Palmerville.	
14	Palmer, H & Son	7 75
	Kanesholm.	
14	Johnson, L M & Son	7 75
	Hazel Hurst.	
14	Healey, M. J.	7 75
14	Phillips, M A	7 75
	Kushequa.	
13	Kane, Elisha K	10 75
	Griffith.	
14	Brown, W A	7 75
14	Wamsly, H & Son	7 75
	Hutchins.	
14	Wilmot, J R, Ag't	7 75
	HAMILTON TOWNSHIP.	
	Ludlow.	
12	Curtis, J G	13 25
13	Johnson & Oles	10 75
14	Swanson, S	7 75
14	Smith, M T	7 75
14	Freedman & Epstein	7 75
	Billiards.	
	Anderson, A, 4 tables	60 75
	KEATING TOWNSHIP.	
	Aiken.	
14	Ehret, John	7 75
14	Kepler, P B	7 75
	Davis City.	
14	Murray, G C	7 75
	Simpson.	
14	Finnessey Bros	7 75
	Ormsby.	
14	Greeley, O S	7 75
14	Taylor, James	7 75
14	O'Connell & Son	7 75
	Eating House.	
8	Mayo, F B	5 75
	Southard.	
14	Hooper, J A	7 75
	Farmers Valley.	
14	Stull, J C	7 75
	Coleville.	
14	Applebee, C M	7 75
	Coryville.	
14	Williams, Frank	7 75
	East Smethport.	
14	Bush, O D	7 75
14	Bard, O L	7 75
14	Stickles, A E	7 75
14	Varney, Mrs N A	7 75
14	Warshofsky, H	7 75
	LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP.	
	Mt. Alton.	
14	Beaumont, G E	7 75
14	Geary, M S	7 75
14	Geary, Charles	7 75
14	Kessler, A & Co	7 75
14	McGraw, J H	7 75
14	O'Connell, J J	7 75
14	Sherwin & Camp	7 75
14	Washburn, S S	7 75
14	Friedman, H	7 75
	Billiards.	
	Mahoney, James, 2 tables	40 75
	Big Shanty.	
14	Thompson, William	7 75
14	Wallace, C W & Co	7 75
	Lewis Run.	
14	Cannon, J C	7 75
14	Frink, W P	7 75
14	Foster, A A	7 75
14	Ross, Mike	7 75
14	Lamb, Michael	7 75
	Lafayette.	
14	Koonse, G W	7 75
	Marshburg.	
14	Arrowsmith, J M	7 75
	Westline.	
13	Kane, E K	10 75
	Glen Charles.	
8	Glen Charles Supply Co	30 75
	Song Bird.	
14	Kinsman, N D	7 75
	LIBERTY TOWNSHIP.	
	Wrights.	
14	Ole Hanson	7 75
	Portage.	
14	Tyler, J F	7 75
	NORWICH TOWNSHIP.	
	Gardeau.	
14	Harrowitz, M	7 75
12	Rich & Andrews	13 25
14	Woodmansee, George	7 75
	Billiards.	
	Sturm, M C, 2 tables	40 75
	Kinney, Ide L, 1 bowling alley	30 75
	Colegrove.	
14	Benson, C A	7 75
12	Anderson, C A	10 75
	Newerf.	
14	Erhart, M	7 75
14	Jordan, M A	7 75
	MT. JEWETT BOROUGH.	
14	Applestein, F B	7 75
14	Brown, C E & Son	7 75
14	Beacom, W J	7 75
14	Borse, M	7 75
14	Cumson, T & F	7 75
14	Colquist, E	7 75
14	Gallup, C R	7 75
14	Hevner, E W	7 75
14	Jewell & Sigworth	7 75
14	Jackson, C G	7 75
14	Kistler, T	7 75
14	Kennedy, C S	7 75
14	Kerr, M E	7 75
14	Lundberg, S	7 75
14	Larson, G, No. 1	7 75
14	Larson, G, No. 2	7 75
14	Montgomery, E H	7 75
14	Mellander, A	7 75
14	Newburg & Johnson	7 75
14	Phillips, A G	7 75
14	Parson, E S	7 75
14	Phillips, S	7 75
14	Stahl, C J & Co	7 75
14	Thompson, H A	7 75
14	Thompson & Co	7 75
14	Wilcox, M	7 75
14	White, T B	7 75
14	Welberg, F O	7 75
	Eating Houses.	
8	Anderson, G	5 75
8	Campbell, Mrs C D	5 75
	Billiards.	
	Lunden, C, 4 tables	60 75
	OTTO TOWNSHIP.	
	Duke Center.	
14	Dibble & Sullivan	7 75
14	Brown, J S	7 75
14	Brown, E	7 75
13	Grow Bros, No. 1	10 75
14	Grow Bros, No. 2	7 75
14	Richies, E	7 75
14	Duke & Mills	7 75
13	Berry & Duke	10 75
	Billiards.	
	Wolcott, George, 3 tables	50 75
	Rixford.	
13	Nutting, Burdick & Co	10 75
14	Love, S M & Co	7 75
14	Titus, A F	7 75
14	Clark, Daniel	7 75
14	Park & Moffit	7 75
	PORT ALLEGANY BOROUGH.	
13	Bard, N R	10 75
14	Camp, F P & Co	7 75
13	Day, T B	10 75
14	Davidson, C B	7 75
12	Dolley, E B & Co	13 25
14	Dieches, S & Co	7 75
13	Dolley, C A & Co	10 75
11	Dalrymple, E P & Co	15 75
14	Foot & Kernan	7 75
14	Garthwaite, H H	7 75
14	Gerwick, F	7 75
14	Gallup, B C	7 75
14	Hooker, W & C W	7 75
13	Johnson, S E & Co	10 75
14	Rice, John	7 75
14	Thoren, Oscar	7 75
14	Welpper, N C	7 75
14	Wagner, O C	7 75
14	Williams, J H	7 75
	Eating Houses.	
8	Gerwick, F Jr	5 75
8	Swallow, J D	5 75
	Billiards.	
	Mehaffey, O R, 1 table, 2 bowling alleys	50 75
	Cummings & Fource, 2 tables	40 75
	SMETHPORT BOROUGH.	
14	Anderson, A	7 75
14	Armstrong, A B	7 75
14	Armstrong, M L	7 75
14	Brasted, D M	7 75
14	Burdick, C A	7 75
13	Brownell Bros	10 75
14	Chadwick, Burg	7 75
14	Colegrove, J	7 75
14	Carter, E G	7 75
14	Gallup, W D	7 75
14	Hafner, Wm	7 75
14	Hamlin, J C	7 75
14	Holder, J A	7 75
14	Jones & Church	7 75
13	Lindholm, F G & Co	10 75
14	Lemmler, Charles	7 75
14	Mason, F A	7 75
14	McCoy, H L	7 75
14	Nash, Mrs T D	7 75
14	Olmsted Bros	7 75
14	Rooney, J F	7 75
14	Rubin, H W & Co	7 75
14	Specht & Sasse	7 75
14	Stickles, A E	7 75
14	Wells, H C	7 75
14	Walkenshaw, J R	7 75
13	Young, D C	10 75
14	Holmes & Gilfillan	7 75
	Eating Houses.	
8	Young, T J	5 75
	Billiards.	
	Yerdon, J A, 3 tables	50 75
	SERGEANT TOWNSHIP.	
	Clermont.	
14	Butts, W E	7 75
14	Bayer, L	7 75
14	Schleif, A	7 75
14	McCarty, J S & Co	7 75
14	Goodman, Joseph	7 75
14	Reed, F H	7 75
14	McKendrick, S J	7 75
	Billiards.	
	Boyd & Smith, 2 tables	40 75
	WETMORE TOWNSHIP.	
	North Kane.	
13	Campbell, G W & Son	10 75
	Burrows.	
14	Heine, C	7 75
	KANE BOROUGH.	
14	Angstrom & Shoog	7 75
[illegible]	Rowland Bros	[illegible]
11	Bell, S K	[illegible]
[illegible]	Brown, T T	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible], H P	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	7 75
14	Back, A J	7 75
14	Bancroft, S S	7 75
14	Carpenter, S	7 75
14	Carrier, B E	7 75
14	Campbell, N M	7 75
14	Cohn, A B	7 75
14	Clemenger, A	7 75
14	Dillon, M F	7 75
14	Dellettes, E	7 75
14	Durham & Wood	7 75
14	Dillon, D J	7 75
14	Ellis, B B	7 75
14	Evans & Donahey	7 75
14	Frank, P	7 75
14	Frazine, H M	7 75
14	Griffith, J W	7 75
14	Gregg & Jenkins	7 75
13	Grant & Crowell	10 75
14	Hoffer, J M	7 75
14	Hanson, P	7 75
14	Helhorn, W W	7 75
14	Jacobson, B S	7 75
14	Kane Plumbing Co	7 75
14	Kebler, J T	7 75
14	Kane Drug Co	7 75
14	Lay, C T	7 75
14	Malone, J C	7 75
14	MacGowan, J C	7 75
14	McFeeters, John	7 75
14	McConnell, D F	7 75
14	Moffit, M S	7 75
14	McHales, J L	7 75
14	Myres & Campbell	7 75
14	Searing, I J & Co	7 75
12	Oil Well Supply Co	13 25
14	Pierrotti, G	7 75
14	Rosenthal, Annie	7 75
14	Smith, J E	7 75
13	Swelley, H W & Co	10 75
11	Smith & Walker	15 75
14	Shreiver, M & Co	7 75
14	Scott, John	7 75
13	Swanson, E No. 1	10 75
14	Swanson, E No. 2	7 75
14	Union Meat Co	7 75
14	Veltz, J L	7 75
14	Volmer, J A	7 75
14	Weiner, A J	7 75
14	Wood, W C	7 75
14	Wiesenburger, D	7 75
14	West, John	7 75
14	Wegley, J W	7 75
14	Weil & Co	7 75
11	Peterson Bros	7 75
	Eating Houses.	
8	Hurt, J L	5 75
8	Hale, George	5 75
8	Jarvis, E W	5 75
8	Perry, Johnson	5 75
8	Kane Oyster House	5 75
8	McCarty, John	5 75
8	Rosser, George	5 75
	Billiards.	
	Burkhart, George, 3 tables	50 75
	Kemp, C H, 4 tables	60 75
	Silk, M, 5 tables	70 75

TAKE NOTICE.

All who are concerned in the foregoing appraisement are hereby notified that an

APPEAL

will be held at the Treasurer's Office, in Smethport, Penn'a.,

April 7th, 1897,

between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m., when and where you may attend if you think proper. Remit the amount of your tax as above to T. B. Clarke, Treasurer, Smethport, Penn'a, on or before May 1st, 1897, and save costs.

Smethport, Pa., March 22, 1897.
J. T. LENOX,
Mercantile Appraiser.
Mt. Alton, Penn'a.

The Red Front

Merchant of
EAST SMETHPORT,

H. Warshofsky,

Now has a traveling grocery for Smethport and vicinity.

He visits all the Surrounding Country and carries a complete stock of fresh groceries and provisions.

These goods are sold 20 per cent. cheaper than any store in this section.

Farmers Produce In Exchange.

Try Him.

Leonard Koenig,

located near the creamery, is prepared to do all kinds of

PAINTING AND DECORATING.

PAPER HANGING—

Always done neatly and artistically. Latest styles of paper constantly on hand from which to make your selections.

PROMPTNESS

Is a feature which characterizes this establishment. Give me a call. I shall be pleased to serve you to your entire satisfaction.

Smethport, Penna.

It's only necssary to say that 1897 COLUMBIAS Are out.

Call and see them.

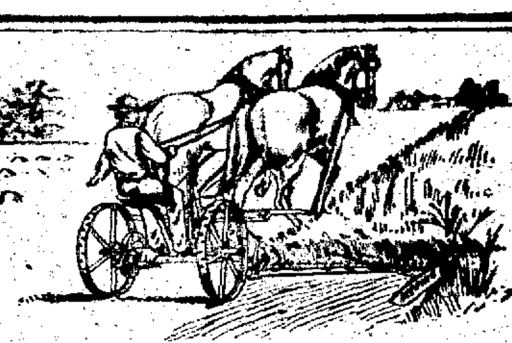
M.L. Armstrong,
AGENT.

Mention the Miner when writing or calling.

UNDERTAKING — AND — EMBALMING

IN ALL BRANCHES PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO BY AN EXPERIENCED FUNERAL DIRECTOR.

SPECHT & SASSE,
SMETHPORT, PA.



DEERING IDEAL MOWERS

With Ball and Roller Bearings.

They are the only Mowers that can be drawn at a slow walk or started without backing in any crop. The only Mowers with serrated ledger plates, perfect shear cutting knives with spring steel clips. The only Mowers with adjustable drag bar to keep the knife in line and protect the pitman.

Hill Side and Flat Land Plows,

Spring tooth, spike tooth and disk harrow, farmer's favorite seed and fertilizer drills. This drill can be used for sowing fertilizer alone, or broadcast if preferred. In fertilizers we include dry wood ashes, lime sifted, and land plaster.

We have top buggies, road wagons, platform wagons surreys, phaetons, carts, &c.

NOURSE BROS.,
Smethport, Penn'a.

A. B. ARMSTRONG & CO.
Smethport, Penna.
Dealers In
Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals and Patent Medicines, Sponges, Syringes, Soaps, Combs and Brushes, Perfumery,

AMERICAN SILVER TRUSS.
LIGHT, COOL, Easy to Wear, No pressure on Hips or Back. No under-straps. Never moves.
Retains Severest Hernia with Comfort.
MANUFACTURED AT 302 Main St., BUFFALO, N. Y.

Physicians' Prescriptions Carefully Compounded, and all Orders Correctly Answered.

GOODS SELECTED WITH GREAT CARE, AND WARRANTED AS REPRESENTED.

YOUR WHEEL

Will need Enameling.
I have placed an oven in my shop and am prepared to do this work as well as it can be done at the factory.

Ornamenting a Specialty.
Any Color. Prices Reasonable.

C. A. OLMSTEAD.
Shop on Water St.

Spring and Summer Suits.

Leave your orders now for suits. The patterns this year are way above the average, and our tailoring department was never so complete. In addition to this we carry an unrivaled stock of

READY-MADE SUITS,

For all ages. Children's suits from $1.00 up. Prices that correspond with the times.

Call and we will convince you that there not a clothing house outside of the very large cities that will give you such real bargains.

H. W. Rubin & Co,
The Clothiers,

SMETHPORT, Pa., March 16, 1897.

We have just received the most beautiful line of Dress Goods ever purchased by us. Those wishing new dresses for Easter will be pleased with the lovely styles and colorings of the goods. Call and you can be suited.

Mrs. T. D. Nash

STOP! READ! and REFLECT!
And then go to
BROWNELL BROTHERS,
Where you will find a carefully and well selected stock of
DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, FURNISHING GOODS, HATS, CAPS. BOOTS and SHOES.
AND A CHOICE LINE OF THE
FINEST GROCERIES
TO BE FOUND IN TOWN AT
ROCK-BOTTOM PRICES.

SPECHT & SASSE,
THE OLD RELIABLE
FURNITURE DEALERS,
Are better prepared than ever to fill your wants in their line. Their stock is full and complete. Their prices at rock-bottom.
Do not fail to give them a call.
UNDERTAKING IN ALL ITS BRANCHES.

Brasted's
Confectionery
Fresh seasonable Fruits and OYSTERS.

A Glimpse of Spring

May be had from a glimpse through "The Big Store." The old saying is, "In the spring the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." Of course the poet referred to love of the beautiful new goods to be found at "The Big Store." A dollar this spring will do the work of $1.50 in former seasons.

Among the new and inexpensive fabrics are:
40 inch fish nets, 15 cents.
50 " " " 35c, 40c and 50 cents.
Lace edges to match, 7 and 10 cents.
Embroidered edge sash muslins, 16c, 20c, 22c and up.
33 inch floral stripe tickings, pink, yellow and violet, fast color, 25c.
33 inch plain or figured denims, 20 cents.
Beautiful Corduroys, Velours and Liberty velvets, 75c, 90c and $1.
50 inch drapery goods for arch ways, 45c, 75c, 85c, $1.50, $2.75 and $3.25 per yard. Fringes to match, 10c to 40c.
All colors curtain loops, 10c, 20c, 30c, 40c and 85c a pair.
Beautiful white curtain poles, 4 feet long, complete, 40c, 50c, 55c and 60c.
Rich new lace curtains, $1.10, $1.25, $1.75, $1.98 and up.
Finest of genuine Brussels nets, $5.25, $5.48, $7.25 and $8.98 per pair.
Good values in Irish Points, $2.98, $3.75, $4.48, $5.00 and up.
Silky effects in satin Reuse portieres, $2.75 per pair and up.

We are headquarters for housefurnishings, and anyone making purchases without first seeing our stock will regret.

We pack and deliver all goods free. We sew Carpets free.

Come to Olean to trade; it will pay you. You can save your railroad fare on a $25.00 purchase.

NEW CARPETS & FURNITURE.
ANDREWS & CONKLING,
127-129 UNION ST., OLEAN, N. Y.

OLMSTED BROS.

Our line of Ladies', Gents', and Children's Hosiery was never more complete than it is at the present time, in this line we are offering great bargains.

We keep a full line of Tinware and Steel Enameled ware and giving prices on same that will convince you to buy your goods of us.

Don't forget the prices we quoted on Carpets, Mattings, Linoleum and Oil Cloth, in last week's issue, and also keep fresh in your mind that we are selling these goods at a very low price, and defy competition on same.

The Variety Store,
Reilly Block. SMETHPORT, PA.

Where are We at?
Our Office is at
Smethport, McKean County, Pa.
TRADE MARK REGISTERED. HOO-HOO.
BUT
We are with You if you wish to Buy
Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Siding, Flooring, Ceiling, Moulding, Doors, Windows, Screens, Glass.
Only a sample order will convince you that You're with Us
Call and see us, or write us for quotations.
HOLMES & GILFILLAN.

BRADFORD'S GREAT DEPARTMENT STORE.

Most of the things you buy—save food and clothes—are sold here. Most of our customers wish that we sold the other lines, too.

Each line line is a store in itself, in charge of a store-keeper. The cheapness comes in handling them all under one roof and one management. Not another store that you know of us so well equipped to buy low and sell low as this store. Not another store does it.

$19.50 Sewing Machines.
We sell Demorest's latest $55 machine for $19.50 cash. Come and see the machine. There isn't a better one on the market.

Horse Goods.
Blankets in over 40 styles at $1.00 and up.
Single Harness, rubber trimmed as low as $18.00.
Everything a horse needs sold lower than other stores.

China.
Dinner sets in 35 styles from $6 up.
Haviland's newest Dinner Sets as low as $25.00.
Open stock Dinner Sets—you can buy by the piece.
Toilet sets begin at $2.25.

Glass.
Tumblers in about every style manufactured—40c. per doz. up.
Glassware for the table.
Cut Glass of American and foreign makes—sold one third less than the usual cut glass prices.

$3.00 Portable Stoves.
Powerful Reliable Gas Heaters always needed. Good to fill in with in winter, and for cool evenings in Summer.

Ranges.
The greatest range on the market is the Reliable. We have several other ranges in stock, so we can readily show you the difference.

Paint.
We sell Rubber Paint in 20 colors. Lasts years longer than common paint anywhere.

Watches.
Most jewelry stores charge a third more for watches than we do. All watches one here.

L. EMERY, JR., & CO.,
EMERY & WEAVER. Bradford, Pa.

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UP-TO-DATE MERCHANDISE

FOR MEN'S WEAR:
- Hats
- Caps
- Shoes
- Fancy Shirts
- Neckwear
- Gloves.

FOR LADIES' WEAR:
- Shoes.
- Gloves
- Muslin Underwear
- Hosiery
- Wash Goods
- Laces and Embroideries.

GROCERIES
- They never get old here.
- See our big variety of Dried Fruits.
- Try our Rio Coffee at 14c.

$50.00 BICYCLES, 50.00.
We have a winner.
Come and look at it.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.

GENERAL MERCHANTS,
Smethport, Pa.

Mch. 25, 1897.

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CRAYONS,

The best ever offered in Smethport. Strictly high grade. From $10.00 to $15.00, worth $25.00. Crayons from $3.50 (frame included) up. This work will surprise you. Order at once. Portraits are still of the best quality. No need to go out of town for this work.

"IKE" GLEASON, The Photographer,
Smethport, Pa.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, APR. 2, 1897.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Civil court Monday, April 19th.

—The hens are now laying for Easter.

—Harry Rubin is the proud possessor of a new Columbia.

—E. W. Jones moved upon the Haskill farm last Wednesday.

—Frank Rumsey purchased a new 'bus while in Cortland last week.

—D. C. Young and the grip had a quiet session at his home last week.

—Judge Morrison held a short session of court yesterday for motions.

—Elkland, Tioga county is the proud possessor of a fine rolling mill plant.

—April 9th and 22d have been designated by the Governor as arbor days.

—Miss Wicks of Olean will be at the Grand Central next week. See local ad.

—John R. Shoemaker moved yesterday into the Sprague building over the Racket Store.

—The trailing arbutus hunters are beginning to look around for their last year's baskets.

—Dr. F. C. Pierce has a change of adv. this week. Read it and learn about Rambler tires.

—Edward Larson of Crosby moved his family into the rooms over Squire Ford's office Wednesday.

—Rev. J. Heber McCandless had an attack of grip the latter part of last week. He is all right now.

—McCoy's Drug Store has something new to tell you of in their line. Be sure to give them a call.

—D. M. Brasted has the agency for the "Hickory" wheel. He has one on exhibition at the bakery.

—An unsigned communication from Clermont met the usual fate of such communications this week.

—A marriage license was granted to Max Berre of Mt. Jewett and Ida Berwald of Bradford last Monday.

—Squire Ford is having some improvements made in the rooms over his office. W. H. Knight is doing the job.

—Yesterday morning Andy McCabe commenced running his palace coach between here and Kinzua Junction.

—Leon Grigsby in spite of the many offers made by other bicycle manufacturers will ride a Columbia this year.

—A. E. Stickles comes again with a new advertisement in his usual style, phonetic spelling. Be sure to read it.

—Last Wednesday Martin Bowen moved his family from Ormsby to Gardeau, where they will reside in the future.

—Petitions are being circulated for signers to induce the borough council to purchase a new road scraper and stone crusher.

—Two letters remain in the Smethport post office for Sam Peterson. Sam, please say, "advertised," when calling for your mail.

—Andrews & Conkling of Olean have a new and attractive advertisement this week telling of wonderful bargains in their line.

—James Quirk will be around about to-morrow setting up the cigars owing to his wife presenting him with a bouncing boy last Monday.

—Holmes & Gilfillan have a fine new sign painted on the door of their store house on Mechanic street, advertising the Black Cat lumber yard.

—Yesterday morning President McKinley pressed the button that started Gifford's mill up for the season, and the employes are all happy again.

—A. W. Colegrove, chairman of the Bucktail committee, has called a meeting of the members at the Wright House on Thursday, April 8th, next.

—Mrs. Mary A. Hunter died at the home of her son, W. M. Hunter, at Custer City last Tuesday afternoon, aged 84 years. The remains were taken to Bradford.

—Burgess Hogarth increased the revenue of the borough to the extent of $2.00 last Tuesday by calling a man before him for riding a bicycle on the sidewalk, contrary to the ordinance.

—The Harpers are soon to bring out in a new and beautiful edition Miss Muloch's novel, "John Halifax, Gentleman," which made one of the greatest literary successes of the time of its first publication, and has since had many thousands of readers.

—The violin and organ duet by E. R. Heath and Mrs. Eva Picard at the M. E. church last Sunday night was very fine, and greatly appreciated by the large congregation.

—Supervisors ought to repair the roads at once. While the ground is soft the road scrapers will do three times the amount of work that can be done when the ground becomes hard and dry.

—Steve Robinson of Crosby became very gay last Tuesday afternoon. Some one bumped him on his proboscis and started the claret to flowing, which cooled his ardor and he departed for home.

—The old reliable clothing house of H. W. Rubin & Co. have a new adv. this week telling of their new spring styles. Do not fail to peruse it and go there and be suited. A good fit guaranteed.

—Bert Jones, the man tried at Little Valley for the murder of Leon Pitts at Olean, last year, was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to the Auburn prison for 12 years and 9 months.

—If those boys who have been making themselves conspicuous by turning out street lamps on upper Main street lately do not desist, they will be dealt with according to law, as their names are known.

—J. M. Aldrich, the man who pretended to have discovered perpetual motion, was committed to jail by Alderman Donoghue of Bradford last Friday for obtaining money under false pretenses.

—At a regular meeting of the I.O.O.F. last Friday night the following officers were elected: Albert Hagberg, N. G.; S. R. Lindsley, V. G.; J. C. Gallup, Sec; W. O. Holder, Ass't Sec; F. C. Lyman, trustee.

—The writer had the pleasure of hearing a rather heated debate on the P. & W. train from Kane to Ormsby Monday last. It was between two "Quay" men and one "Combiner," and was interesting to say the least.

—Alfred Peterson, who for some time has occupied the rooms over Justice Ford's office, moved from there last Friday to the Burn's farm on Marvin creek which he has purchased. May success follow his efforts.

—Bart Greeley of Crosby became hilarious and abusive on the streets last Tuesday afternoon and Constable Hibbard conducted him to jail. At 5 p. m. he was taken before Judge Knapp, who put the costs upon him.

—Col. O. P. Warner, an old soldier of the late war, and a brother of Reilly Warner, died recently at Emporium at the age of 70 years. He was a highly respected citizen, as evidenced by the many marks of respect shown at his funeral.

—S. J. Robinson of Crosby swore out an information that John Greeley, Jr., had made threats to do him bodily injury by hitting him with a stone or a club. A hearing was held before 'Squire Knapp Tuesday afternoon and the defendant discharged.

—Miss Tillie Peterson, aged 19 years, died at the home of her parents on the Smethport road yesterday morning after a lingering illness of heart trouble. Funeral Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, interment in the Swedish cemetery.—Tuesday's Kane Republican.

—Arthur Whaley of Wrights Corners was arrested on the oath of John W. Bush for obtaining money under false pretenses by drawing a check on the Bradford National Bank. He had no money there and the note went to protest. He was bound over to court in the sum of $200.

—Comrade Wright is hard at work arranging for the reunion of the survivors of the famous Bucktail regiment. The date is not fixed yet. Our citizens should strive to give these old battle scared veterans a good wholesome reception. No "spread-eagleness," but a genuine welcome.

—Chas. Latham, of the directory firm of Kerwin & Latham, reports that Bradford now has a population of 16,623, or an increase of 6,109 since the census of 1890. Unquestionably there is not a city in the State that has had such a remarkable growth in less than seven years. May she continue to boom.

—The K. O. T. M. of McKean, Potter, Cameron and Elk counties will hold a reunion at Austin, Potter county some time in the near future. The date will be fixed later on. This is a move in the right direction as it will have a tendency to bring the Tents in closer relationship to each other. May the good work continue.

—Mrs. Caroline A. Creevey is soon to publish through the Harpers a volume entitled "Flowers of Hill, Field and Swamp," which is said to be writen in so popular a style, and to be accompanied by illustrations so voluminous and attractive, that it will appeal to the mere lover of wild flowers as well as to the amateur botanist.

—Department Commander Darte will make official visits as follows: Monday, April 5th, Post 67, Erie; Wednesday, April 7th, Post 311, Tidioute; Thursday, April 8th, Post 220, Franklin; Friday, April 9th, Post 331, Meadville, and will be pleased to meet as many comrades as can make it convenient to be at any or all of the above places.

—Editor Gould of the Eldred Eagle not being satisfied with trying to locate the State capitol at Kane, now tries to get his readers excited by claiming to have a gold mine, 300 feet underground, in the near vicinity of Eldred. If Gould keeps on with his wonderful schemes he will cause that "Munchausen," Tom Harrington to turn green with envy.

—The 92d anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Erastus Curtis was celebrated at her home on Thursday, March 25. She received her guests with that hospitality and good cheer which has long endeared her to a large circle of friends. At noon a luncheon was served. The afternoon was enlivened by relating reminiscences and singing songs of yore, which were rendered by her husband.

—John Greeley Sr. of Crosby was arrested last Monday for selling liquor without license. A hearing was held before Squire Knapp Monday night and was continued until Tuesday at 10 a. m., but no further evidence being produced he was committed to jail to appear before the June term of court, in default of $500 bail. He was afterwards bailed out by O. S. and Emmett Greeley.

—The Bradford Star of Tuesday gives an account of an unfortunate young lady by the name of Maud Welser, who committed suicide by shooting herself near the heart, at a quarter of twelve the same day in that city. The police had been notified of her intentions but failed to reach her room in time to prevent the the horrible deed. Her regular lover had given her the go by, hence she sought relief in death.

—Last Wednesday afternoon Mesdames Henry Hamlin, A. B. Armstrong, Crandall, Flora Hogarth, H. E. Burdick, Fred McCoy and Miss Mollie King, and Messrs. H. M. Choate, W. H. Morrison and Fred McCoy visited Eldred to witness the confirmation exercises conducted by Bishop Walker of the diocese of Buffalo. There were fourteen in the class and the service was very impressive. All report having had a most enjoyable time.

—Beginning with next week's paper there will be a W.C.T.U. column. Each county superintendent successively will explain her department work, for the benefit of those unacquainted with the aims and objects of the organization. Be sure to read it. The first will be by Dr. Elizabeth D. Kane, Co. Sup't of Scientific Temperance Instruction.

—Several Bucks county girls have formed a "lips-that-touch-liquor-shall-never-touch-mine" club. If Potter county misses should adopt the same rule they wouldn't get a buss once in a life-time.—Galeton Dispatch. Not much; the girls would conjure up some scheme to dodge the pledge, just as the men occasionally do the temperance question over there.

—Charles Liligendahl of this place, and Mike J. Henley of Hazel Hurst, have purchased the company's blacksmith shop at the latter place. John Vanblad has gone to take charge of the concern and Simon Breindel will see to the wood work part of the establishment. The MINER congratulates the new firm, and hopes they will meet with deserved success.

—The new advertisement of the Nourse Bros will be found in another column. These enterprising gentlemen have secured the large and commodious Backus building opposite the court house and will keep on hand all kinds of machinery used in farming. They also keep a fine line of lumber wagons, and buggies. Among their most useful pieces of machinery is a fine seeder which every farmer should possess.

—Just listen to the sage of "Canoe Place," Mr. Lillibridge of the Reporter, tell how he pulls the wool over the eyes of his esteemed better half, and thus escapes the expense of a new Easter bonnet: "As effectual a way as any to discourage that new Easter hat, is to swear that your wife never looks so dangerously ravishing or so irresistably irresistable as she does in that last year Easter purchase. This will most always work when she isn't after somebody else's husband's opinion."

—An exchange well says that the boy who spends his evenings at home reading newspapers, the local news of the town and the county and the general news of the day, or in reading some useful book, will certainly make a better man, everything being equal, than the boy who spends his evenings on the street and loafing at places where the town gossip is dished out in the most vulgar manner. The taste of our boys should be cultivated so as to lead them by choice to engage their evenings in this profitable way.

—The following from a New York City exchange will show what a young man can do, who is possessed of perseverence and pluck. W. O. Hamlin, a former resident of our town, and the son of J. C. Hamlin, has accomplished his wonderful success with his individual efforts. May his prosperity continue. "It is a good sign to see new firms starting, and the last to join the ranks is W. O. Hamlin & Co. Mr. Hamlin was for years the confidential clerk and manager of Henry Allen & Co. The new concern begins with facilities for trading in all markets." The New York World also commends his judgement and business sagacity.

—Rev. J. C. Hughes of Coudersport commenced the second week of his union services at the M. E. church in this place last Sunday eve. Every seat in the house was occupied by eager and anxious listeners. Mr. Hughes is by far the most eloquent speaker that has been in any of our churches for a long period. He is a fearless advocate of the religion of Jesus Christ. He preaches Christ, and Him crucified to save fallen man. He is not a strict advocate of sects, but believes in extending the hand of fellowship to any true believer. If the ministers of the gospel would join hands on this all important question, it would not be long before the people of the entire world would be leading different lives from what they are at the present time. If the Saviour of mankind had believed that different sects were necessary to the salvation of souls He would have undoubtedly instructed His disciples to originate different beliefs in the world. One belief sufficed in those days, why not now?

Fire At Gardeau.

Last Friday night about 11:45 Ford Bro's large mill at Gardeau was discovered to be on fire, and was totally destroyed. For sometime the mill had been running on half time, each crew working about two weeks each month. Last Friday the saw dust on the boiler had caught fire twice during the day, but had been put out. The fireman told the night watchman about it and said it would be neccessary to keep a close watch, which the watchman promised to do. About 9 o'clock the watchman went to a bowling alley near by and stayed there until 11:30. At 11:45 Mr. Ford and Louis Fessenden came to the mill and found the structure in full blaze and the watchman trying to work the pumps, but having no steam it was a failure. He told the story that when he got to the mill there was a fire in the filing room. There is no question but what his negligence destroyed the mill and threw between 50 and 60 men out of employment. He skipped out on the first train and has not been heard of since. The chances are had he remained he would have been subjected to a severe ducking in the mill pond. There was some insurance on the mill and it will be speedily rebuilt. The lumber yard contained between three and four million feet of lumber without insurance, but fortunately the wind was from the right direction and the lumber was saved. Mr. Rich had just secured a large contract for about three-quarters of a million feet of sawed timber to be delivered immediately to Buffalo parties. Owing to the fire he will be compelled to place his order with the Goodyears.

Hotel For Sale.

Larrabee House at Larrabee, Pa. This is one of the best locations in McKean county at junction of W. N. Y. & P. R'y. License will be transferred to right man. Call or write at once if you want a bargain.

M. L. ARMSTRONG,
Smethport, Pa

Dr. F. C. Pierce of late has been using a new filling material which supersedes everything in the line of low priced fillings. It is tough, hard and retains its color which is nearly that of the tooth.

Lost—a small tan colored dog about 8 inches high. Answers to the name of "Ted." A suitable reward will be paid for his return in good condition to Ralph E. Burdick. 1t

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Miss M. M. Wicks will be at the Grand Central Hotel, April 6, 7 and 8, for ladies and childrens hair dressing and manicuring. Also a new line of stamping patterns.

The finest of room moulding 50 varities to select from. Call on L. Koenig Water street.

If in need of trunks or taveling bags at very reasonable prices call on Lemmler. 3t

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If you appreciate good coffee try no experiments—buy "Heart's Delight."

Call at Brasted's and see his Old Hickory wheel. 1t

Four large draft horses for sale. Inquire of M. A. Lillibridge. 3t

PERSONAL MENTION.

Roscoe Ford visited Mt. Jewett Tuesday.

W. P. Walsh visited Austin Wednesday night.

S. D. Weaver visited in Bradford over Sunday.

Mrs. Ada Cable of Bradford was in town Monday.

Frank Foster was over from Bradford Tuesday.

George W. Mitchell went to Bradford Wednesday.

Miss Bessie Taylor visited in Olean last Wednesday.

E. R. McCoy started for Pittsburg last Monday night.

Hon. W. E. Burdick of Bradford attended court yesterday.

Judge Morrison will hold court in Wellsboro next week.

Frank N. Taylor came over from Gardeau last Tuesday.

John E. Mullin was visiting Clermont friends last Sunday.

E. M. Kerns returned from Philadelphia Monday afternoon.

D. C. Young transacted business in Port Allegany Wednesday.

Warley Gifford transacted business at the oil metropolis Tuesday.

R. B. Ruford of Ormsby was a very pleasant caller last Saturday.

Capt. E. R. Mayo visited Ceres and adjacent towns last Tuesday.

Mrs S. C. Townsend visited Port Allegany friends Wednesday.

M. A. Lillibridge of Port Allegany was a pleasant caller Wednesday.

M. J. Gallup of Mt. Jewett spent Sunday with relatives in this place.

J. J. McCary of Turtle Point was a guest at the Central Monday night.

Edwin Haskell returned Tuesday from a visit to his daughter in Buffalo.

W. E. Butts of Clermont was transacting business in town Monday night.

Mesdames Sheridan Gorton and D. M. Brasted visited Buffalo Tuesday.

Frank Rumsey visited his parents in Cortland county, N. Y., last Sunday.

Rev. J. W. Sanborn held quarterly services at Colegrove last Sunday evening.

Mrs. C. M. Colegrove and Mrs. T. H. Purtle visited Olean last Saturday.

Darius Simpson of Turtle Point was a pleasant caller at this office Tuesday.

Miss Mary Wallace started for Clarion Tuesday where she will attend school.

Miss Lena Dickinson of Norwich township was visiting friends in town yesterday.

Mrs. F. Lyte and little daughter of Kane were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Weaver over Sunday.

J. H. Markham of Bradford was in town last Monday looking as rugged as though he had prepared for a bout with Fitzsimmons.

Charles Miller of the Grand Central inhaled the balmy air and indulged in a copious draught of mineral water at Gardeau last Sunday.

T. H. Morrison returned home from Williams College last Wednesday night accompanied by a college friend, C. M. Doane of Spokane Falls, Wash.

Treasurer T. B. Clark of Bradford was over last Tuesday. Mr. Clark has just returned from a southern trip with his wife which he enjoyed very much.

Ottis and Harry Bond and sister, Mabel, were up from Olean Wednesday to attend the party given in honor of Miss Bertha Sturdevint's fifteenth birthday.

Mrs. Jane Smith and daughter, who have been visiting Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bush of Bush Hill, for a few days, returned to Kane Monday.

Mrs. F. N. Taylor and daughter, Miss Bessie, will bid adieu to their many friends next Wednesday and move to Hickoryhurst near Erie. May good fortune attend them.

"Bismarck" visited Frank Taylor at Gardeau over Sunday and of course took his guitar along and entertained the denizens of that region with his new version of the "vacht am Rhein."

S. H. Glassmire of Coudersport was transacting business at the court house last Monday and calling on old friends. Mr. Glassmire is a law student in the office of Larrabee, Lewis & Leonard.

Ex-County Commissioner James Biggins and daughter, Miss Ella, of Ceres were guests at the Wright House Sunday night. Miss Biggins was on her way to Clarion where she will attend the Normal School.

G. W. Burdick of Norwich was a very pleasant caller at this office last Monday. Mr. Burdick having been born in the county has seen as many of the great changes that have taken place as any of the old residents and he is remarkably well preserved for a man of his age.

Death of Morton M. Farwell.

The MINER received the following communication from Burr Oak, Wis:

"EDITOR MINER:—I have to communicate the sad intelligence of the death of an esteemed resident and pioneer of this part of Wisconsin, Mr. Morton M. Farwell, who died March 10, at the age of 58 years.

My apology for trespassing upon your columns with this account of one who was a stranger to you is that it will recall to the minds of some of your readers another who once lived in your community. I refer to Mrs. E. A. White who came from Pennsylvania to this place in 1862, and in the following year married a prosperous young farmer, the late Mr. Farwell. They lived pleasantly and happily together in the town where they first met, Farmington, La Crosse county, the latch string out to their many friends during all these years. They have had but one child, a young man of good habits, untarnished reputation and a credit to his family. A few years since he married an estimable lady and has been living with his parents, their home being made still more cheerful by the birth to the young people of a bright little girl who is old enough to sadly realize and mourn the death of her grandfather.

The elder Mrs. Farwell has not good health and a fall within a few days confines her to her room, but she is apparently recovering and we hope the injury is only temporary.

Twenty months ago Mr. Farwell's health began to fail and the cause, not at first realized, developed into that dreaded malady, "Bright's Disease," which terminated in death as before stated. In the presence of heartbroken relatives and many sorrowing friends, the latter testifying their appreciation of the deceased by a procession nearly three-fourths of a mile in length following the hearse to the cemetery. I have counted Mr. and Mrs. Farwell among my valued friends during this long period, and he, since we first knew each other in 1854.

He evidently lived with the impression that, as drops of rain brighten the meadows, acts of kindness brighten the world, and, 'To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.'"

J. B. C.

Special Excursions to Washington Reduced Rate.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that on April 9 it will run a special excursion from points on the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, Erie to Lock Haven, inclusive, to Washington, for the benefit of those taking their annual vacation at that time, and all who may wish to visit the National Capital in the delightful early spring. Round-trip tickets, good going only on specified trains April 9, and good returning on any regular train not later than April 19, will be sold at greatly reduced rates. Special sleeping cars will be run through on train leaving Erie at 3:25 p. m.

Tickets for side trips from Washington will be sold at the following rates: Virginia Beach and return, via Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Line including stateroom berth on steamer, and one and one quarter days' board at Princess Anne Hotel, $6.00; Richmond and return (all rail), $4.00; Old Point Comfort and return (all rail), $6.00; Mt. Vernon and return (via electric railway), 50 cents.

For full information consult small hand bills, apply to ticket agents, or address E. S. Harrar, Division Ticket Agent, Williamsport, Pa.

They are so small that the most sensitive persons take them, they are so effective that the most obstinate cases of constipation, headache and torpid liver yield to them. That is why DeWitt's Little Early Risers are known as the famous little pills. A. W. Colegrove Smetport, A. E. Stickles, East Smethport.

Two fine top buggies and three two-seated platform wagons for sale at reasonable rates.

T. H. PURTLE.

A car load of choice timothy and clover seed just received by W. D. Gallup, Smethport.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CLERMONT.

W. P. Malbero, our genial station agent, has for several days been wearing a great smile on his countenace and distributing free cigars to all his friends all on account of the arrival of a little boy at his home. Mother and child are both doing well. Thanks, W. P., for the cigars.

J. H. Beals, who has been the manager of Richard Finn's blacksmith shop, has resigned his position. We do not know the name of his successor.

Boyd & Smith have placed a new street lamp in front of their hotel, which is a great convenience as well as an ornament.

L. Bayes returned home from Buffalo on Monday last where he has been for the past ten days taking medical treatment.

MT. ALTON.

There was a glove contest here on Saturday night between Rhode and Clarke of Bradford. They fought to a finish in four rounds, Rhode being the winner. A large crowd witnessed it from Bradford and all adjacent towns. There was also a five round boxing match between two Bradford men.

Clifford Houghton of Bradford was among the enthusiasts at the fight Saturday night.

H. D. Rook of Bradford attended I.O.O.F. Lodge last Thursday night.

P. M. Berwald and A. B. Booth of Bradford were in town Saturday on business.

F. B. Means and Thos Ryan were in Bradford last week.

Mrs. McGraw and son, William, were in Bradford Friday.

Mrs. A. Keesler returned from Bradford on Friday.

Mrs. M. Behen was in Olean last week.

A Valuable Premium.

We have just completed arrangements whereby we are enabled to offer to every subscriber, or every old subscriber who pays his subscription in advance, a copy for one year of the popular paper, The Alliance. This valuable publication is a 16-page monthly, entertaining, instructive and elevating. It will interest every member of the family and there is no one who will not be made better and happier by reason of its monthly visits. Remember it is sent free for one year to every subscriber who pays his subscription in advance.

Newell School Report.

The following pupils of the Crosby school have been perfect in attendance during the sixth month: Burg Bartlett, Andrew McCormick, John Whitelaw, Cora Erhart, Essie Erhart, Jennie Gifford, Alice Hall, Lois Hughes, Flora Jordan, Blanche McDade, Carrie Pellon, Roxie Provin, Agnes Whitelaw. Essie Erhart has been neither absent nor tardy for the six months.

MARTHA WILSON, Teacher.

Here is a pointer for any of our readers who may be troubled with paralysis. Mr. E. M. Frye, a prominent merchant of Bequet, Westmoreland county, Pa., says one of his customers who had walked with a crutch for two years, owing to partial paralysis, was cured by using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The man has fully recovered and is now working in the mines. Pain Balm is also famous for its cures of rheumatism. One application relieves the pain. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Don't allow the lungs to be impaired by the continuous irritation of a cough. It is easier to prevent continuous irritation of a cough. It is easier to prevent consumption than to cure it. One Minute Cough Cure taken early, will ward off any fatal lung trouble. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, A. E. Stickles East Smethport.

J. C. Gallup has contracted with the Johnston Harvesting Machinery Co., of Batavia, N. Y., and will sell their line of harvesting machinery, for 1897, in this section. Do not purchase until you see their up-to-date machines.

Deaths on the earth average 67 per minute; births 70 per minute. This shows a steady growth. So does the sale of Heart's Delight Coffee.

Go to W. D. Gallup's for choice timothy and clover seed.

Cotton Plants. Send two stamps to mail seed and directions how to grow cotton plants North. Address Seed Department Seaboard Air Line, Pinebluff (winter health resort), N. C.

Auditor's Notice.

In re estate of Franklin Mix, late of Eldred township, McKean Co., Pa., deceased.

In the Orphan's Court of McKean County.
No. 10, Feb. term. '97.

Notice is hereby given that the Hon. T. A. Morrison will sit as auditor to distribute the funds in the hands of Gilbert Moody, executor of said estate, at the Court House, at Smethport, Pa., on Saturday, April 17, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time and place all parties having claims on said funds will present the same or forever be debarred from participating therein.

T. F. RICHMOND,
Att'y for Gilbert Moody, Executor.

April 1, 1897.—12-2.

Opera House Drug Store.

I have a complete line of Drugs, Medicines, Toilet Articles, Perfumes and the highest of grades Stationery—Hurd's Linen is a leader. In fact I have everything kept in a first-class Drug Store.

H. C. Wells.
Smethport, Pa.

PUBLIC TELEPHONE PAY STATION.

that can be had here for 50c, 75c and 85c, also $1.00, $1.25, $1.50 may be a surprise for those unacquainted with our methods. Our old customers know that it means another treat for them. We have stole a March on spring and have plucked some of her flowers. These beautiful waists are in a variety of colors.

Combined to get the richest effect and are very attractive in their make up. The quality deserves better prices but a quick sale is what we desire. A Dry Goods stock from which we can select such a tempting offer as this contains many other good things which is a pleasure to look at and a satisfaction to use.

J. Colegrove.
Next to Bank,
Smethport, Pa.

INSURANCE.

Life, Fire and Accident written by

W. F. SPECHT,
SMETHPORT, PA.

In good, reliable companies.

YOUR ENEMY STOLE IN

An enemy stole into your house one day last week and touched you lightly in passing. You thought little of the matter at the time, for the enemy was only a vagrant current of air. But now you are beginning to learn what mischief the little intruder did, for your back is stiff and painful. Your head aches, and at times you feel dizzy.

What has happened? Simply this: the cold has settled on your kidneys. They are overcharged with blood and inflamed. Instead of passing the waste matter out of the body they are damming it up in the blood. Every minute, yes, every heart beat adds to the poison in you. Normal action of the kidneys will purify the blood. Nothing else will.

Warner's Safe Cure is the friend in need. It will reduce the inflammation, so that the grip on the tissues of the blood-vessels is relaxed, and the uric acid is sent on its way out of the body.

Thus You Overcome Your Enemy

Large bottle, or new style, smaller one at your druggists.

LET YOUR EYES REST HERE.

If you contemplate buying a wagon of any kind come and get prices at my shop, and I will convince you that I can make you as good a rig as you can buy elsewhere for less money. Remember I can furnish anything from a light buggy to the heaviest truck. Having placed machinery in my shop I can do better work and more of it and for prices or repair work I am in position to give you figures that will surprise you.

PRICES FOR HEAVY WAGONS.

New tongue	$1.50
New axle	2.50
New tires	$7.00 to 8.00
New spoke	15

BUGGIES.

New tires	$4.50
New rims	4.00
New short arms	4.50
New shafts	$3.00 to 4.00
New bodies, hand-made	4.50

In fact I can do work 25 per cent. cheaper than any other shop.

Look here, Mr. Farmer, I propose to meet you half way during these hard times. I will cut your wheels down and put on 1¼x4 inch bent oak rims and 5-16x4 steel tires for $14.00.

T. H. PURTLE,
Smethport, Pa.

PRESCRIPTIONS PUT UP

with scrupulous exactness. Our friend on the ladder is putting his out of reach. Unlike his, our prescriptions are within everybody's grasp. Though good as gold you can purchase them for paper money. For a trifle, too. The preparation of medicines has been our study for years. What use of a skillful Doctor if the druggist is neglectful? One is as important as the other. We fight sicknes with scientific weapons. Let us restore the roses to your cheeks.

McCOYS DRUG STORE.

ORLO L. BARD
East Smethport

(Successor to M. N. Allen)

Keeps in stock a fine line of

GROCERIES
PROVISIONS
TOBACCO
and CIGARS.

Fresh Fruit

OF ALL KINDS CONSTANTLY ON HAND.

Canned Fruit

OF EVERY KIND A SPECIALTY.

Be Sure To Call.

A. E. SMITH, M. D.
Specialist.
EYE, EAR, NOSE and THROAT.
Office hours 1 to 3 and 7 to 8 p. m.
90 Barry St., Opp. Park, OLEAN, N. Y.

STOP AND SEE
Holder, the Grocery Man,
Opera House Block, Smethport, Pa.,
Who solicits a share of your patronage.
HIGH GRADE. LOW PRICES.

MASON'S
RACKET ANNEX.

Wringers,	$1.30
Copper Boilers,	1.75
Tin Boilers, Copper Bottom,	.75 and 80
Copper, Nickle Plated, Tea Kettles	.80
Six quart Milk Pans,	.50 dozen
Ten " Pails	.15
12 " "	.20
14 " "	.25
12 " Galvanised Pails	.15
Spring Steel Harrows	10.00
Stove Pipe	.10 joint
5, 6 and 7 inch Elbows	.05
Dash Board Lanterns	.50
500 square feet Building Paper	.30
8 inch files	.05
100-Piece Dinner Set,	5.00
12-Piece Toilet Set	3.75
Buck Saws	.35
4-Tined Manure Forks	.35
5 " " "	.45
6 " " "	.50

Remember these goods are first-class goods at Racket prices.

Mason's Hardware.

TRADE AT FORD'S IT PAYS.

Getting Down to The Point—

That point when you are on the verge of buying yourself a new suit. Here's where you wish your dollars were elastic—you must expend every one to the best possible advantage. We have the Clothing trade down to such a science that we can give our patrons the advantage of a close shaving of profits. Our lines are strictly in touch with the very latest and newest styles. We can show you a fine stock and puote prices you'll least expect in Clothing. Just come in and see if we haven't got the best line in Clothing, Hats, Caps, Shoes and Neckwear to be found in Olean.

FORD'S RED FRONT,

158 Union Street,

OLEAN, - - - - N. Y.

G. & J. TIRES
Such as are put on
Ramblers
give no trouble. No pasting to hold them on; no stings to lace up; no plugs to blow out. Do not creep, and cut the valves off. Rims do not blow off. So simple a child can repair a puncture.

F. C. PIERCE,
Rambler Agent, Smethport, Pa.

TICKLED

Because I extracted his tooth without pain. I can do the same for you. Neither pain nor after effects result from my extracting. My methods suggest pleasantness and satisfaction instead.

I've the experience, the "know how" and the facilities for the best work at least cost.

Special attention given nervous people.

Dr. F. C. Pierce,
Office over D. C. Young's store. SURGEON DENTIST.

PALACE PHARMACY.

Under the new management the store will be stocked with a new and complete line of

Drugs, Patent Medicines,
Toilet Articles, Perfumes, Soaps, Brushes, &c.

Parties in need of a TRUSS or EYE GLASSES will be greatly benefitted by giving us a call. As our stock is very large we will close them out at reduced prices.

BURG CHADWICK, M. D., Prop.,
Smethport, Penna.

FOR 1897

I have received a large invoice of

Wall Paper,

all of the latest designs. Call at the

Furniture Store of Specht & Sasse

and examine my stock.

Experienced paper hangers furnished when desired, and all work gurranted.

C. SASSE,
Smethport, Pa.

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT LETters of Administration on the estate of Orra K. Haven, late of Keating township, McKean county, Pa., deceased, have been granted to D. L. Haven, residing in Keating township, said county, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment at once, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

D. L. HAVEN,
Administrator.

P. O. Address,
Smethport, Pa.—March 2, '97.—6-6t.

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT LETters of Administration on the estate of Harriet Irons, late of Smethport, McKean county, Pa., deceased, have been granted to Clinton L. Irons, residing in Smethport, said county, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment at once, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

CLINTON L. IRONS,
Administrator.

March 11, 1897.—6-6t.

CAN'T HELP THINKING ABOUT THOSE LOW PRICES

The above cut represents 1 ov our old kickers studying up some scheme 2 attract customers. But 9-10 ov the people R onto the

N-X

& wil not B fool'd nor rob'd.

The kickers should try our

LITTLE EARLY RISERS

at 15c a box. They will do them good. It would B a good plan 2 donate a few boxs to some ov the old set-stills.

People who have never advertised B-4 R Bgeinning 2 feel the F-X ov these pills.

The editor will now get some of the work that he should have had long A go. But people should not try 2 shift their schemes and games off on Publisher's shoulders when he prints ads Xactly az the copy.

We do not have any N-X 2 our Racket but we sell you nails just as we advertise.

We are always Leaders in prices and not followers.

We never charge U $3.00 for $1.98 Biler, then tumble down 2 prices that R dead give aways.

Dont U think this shows A weak print.

We never charge Tom $3.00 & John $1.00 for the same goods.

Nuf Sed on N-X, so we will quote U prices on Rubber Goods:

Nipples 45c. Millard's best hard rubber pipe bulb syringe complete, wood case, 55c; usually sold at $1.25. Best fountain syringe, 85c; wood case, 96c, usually sold at $1.75.

Pink Pills 45c.

DeWitt's One Minute Cough Cure, price 25c, our price, 15c.

Witch Hazel Salve, 15c.

Little Early Risers, 25c, onr price, 15c.

Large Hotel or barn broom, 28c.

House brooms, from 10c to 27c.

Pat. Washing Machines, $3 to $7.75.

Crimped Carpet lining, 3c yd; Cotton filled 4c yd.

Best fresh made cakes just received.

Ginger snaps, 8c lb.

Spice cake, 10c lb.

Peach desert, 12c lb.

Fig tarts, 14c.

Other cakes in proportion

A. E. STICKLES,

The Racket Man,
SPRAGUE BLOCK,
Smethport.
Branch Store,
THE OLD STAND,
East Smethport.

[illegible] NEW ENGLAND.

[illegible] the Surface Application [illegible] the Farm.

[illegible] the Eastward, public opinion [illegible] favors spring application, yet comparatively [illegible] many, indeed most, of our farmers [illegible] apply a material portion in the fall. In its application many adhere to the old custom of plowing under from two to seven inches deep. On inquiry I have found that the majority of our [illegible] plow the manure under for this reason. Could all of the conditions be [illegible] the farmers would have favored surface application of manure in the spring, the manure to be harrowed into the ground as deeply as the best modern implements will do it. A few practice winter application, but only to a limited extent. Occasionally a farmer is found who applies on the grass ground in the fall for spring plowing, claiming that a larger crop results from the practice. Thus writes a [illegible] correspondent, who gives his own views and methods as follows:

Personal experience and experimental inquiry for several years lead to a preference for spring application of manure and its thorough incorporation with the soil by some form of the Cutaway harrow. Into this conclusion there have entered some theoretical conclusions, drawn, however, after the scales had taught their lesson. I found in plot work in New Hampshire and Missouri that the total effect of manure, whether plowed under or applied on top, was about the same, but that the ratio of seed to straw varied by the method of applying and also varied with the season between the practice of plowing under and applying on top. As a whole, however, manure worked into the surface gave more seed and less straw than when turned under. When the seed is the end in view, the choice of methods is obvious. For hay and grain for the purpose of the hay the crop is the same, so far as general [illegible] show, by either method of application. Whenever the tendency of water is upward, there is a tendency of plant food in a soluble condition in the same direction.

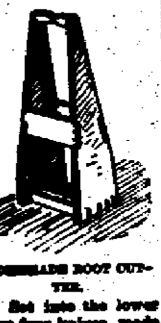
In regard to winter application of manure, I should still prefer surface manuring for the reason that percolation of water in the spring is the order of nature, and the tendency of manures will, therefore, be downward. The farther it has to go the less the ratio that is likely to go down and out of the soil. Manure applied on the sward will move downward, too, yet when turned under in the spring will, to a greater degree, be removed from the surface and nearer the point of percolation. It appears to be more subject to loss from the surface by the moving surface waters as they sweep off the field into ravines. My system of manuring is governed by business adventures as well as apparent theoretical advantages.

Crimson Clover In New Jersey.

Under the auspices of the New Jersey station have been conducted additional experiments to determine the hardiness of crimson clover for the central and northern portions of the state and to test different methods of seeding. In all localities the plant was hardy. "Excellent stands were secured when the land was well prepared and the seed harrowed in, though in one case it was seeded July 20 and in the other Sept. 4, 2½ months later. Fair catches were secured when seeded in corn and cultivated in. One experiment was an entire failure, probably due quite as much to the fact that the seed was left on the surface as to the unfavorable conditions of weather." Spring seeding was tested in several portions of the state, but resulted in failure whether the seed was sown alone or with oats.

Root Cutter.

The season has arrived when on hundreds of farms the crop of beets, turnips, carrots, etc., will begin to be fed out, and on many of these farms the roots will be prepared for the cattle by laborious hand cutting. A root slicer can be bought that will do good work, but the machines cost some money, and in these times money is not too abundant on most farms. A homemade cutter that will do good and rapid work is described as follows in the New York Tribune: A framework is made of boards, as shown, with a handle framed into the top and crosspiece at each side, firmly nailed or screwed. Set into the lower edges of the sides are four knives, made from old, stout saw blades, or fashioned by a blacksmith from thin plates of steel. The knives should be stout enough so they will not spring either sideways or up when struck down upon a solid pile of roots. Go over the slices until they are reduced to pieces that cannot possibly choke an animal.



HOMEMADE ROOT CUTTER.

Rural Brevities.

The question of water storage and the preservation of the forest preserves of the Adirondacks is again being agitated.

Albany county, N. Y., boasts of having the largest cider mill in the world.

An exchange says: "Except for its boughs, which were used in house banking, and its sticky aromatic balsam, which is employed in medicine, the Maine fir had no mission on earth until somebody discovered that it made a beautiful Christmas tree."

Dehorning is one of the leading interests in many counties of Pennsylvania.

Large quantities of lime are used for agricultural purposes in Pennsylvania.

According to Rural New Yorker, the New York state experiment station at Geneva has probably the best "plant" of any similar institution in the country.

A Serious Danger.

[illegible] had a cold which you [illegible] it may interest [illegible] a dangerous proceeding [illegible] and cough which is suggest[illegible] way for consumption, [illegible] or catarrh. Otto's [illegible] German throat and [illegible] will cure any cough or cold [illegible] from consumption. Call on A. W. Colegrove, Smethport; C. M. [illegible], Colegrove; B. W. Stickney, [illegible], and get a trial bottle free.

Many cases of Grippe have lately been cured by One Minute Cough Cure. This preparation seems especially adapted to the cure of this disease. It acts quickly thus preventing serious complications and bad effects which the disease often leaves the patient. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, A. E. Stickles, East Smethport.

English Spavin Liniment removes all hard, soft or calloused lumps and blemishes from horses, blood spavins, curbs, splints, sweeney, ringbone, stifles, sprains, all swollen throats, coughs, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful blemish cure ever known. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

S. R. Turner of Compton, Mo., writes that after suffering from piles for seventeen years, he completely cured them by using three boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It cures eczema and severe skin diseases. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, A. E. Stickles East Smethport.

It is surprising what a "wee bit of a thing" can accomplish. Sick headache, constipation, dyspepsia, sour stomach, dizziness, are quickly banished by DeWitt's Little Early Risers. Small pill, small dose, best pill. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, A. E. Stickles, East Smethport.

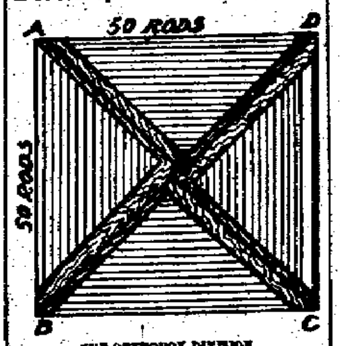
Itching, burning, scaly skin eruptions, burns and scalds are soothed at once and promptly healed by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the best known cure for piles. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, A. E. Stickles, East Smethport.

FARM AND GARDEN

DIVIDING FARMS.

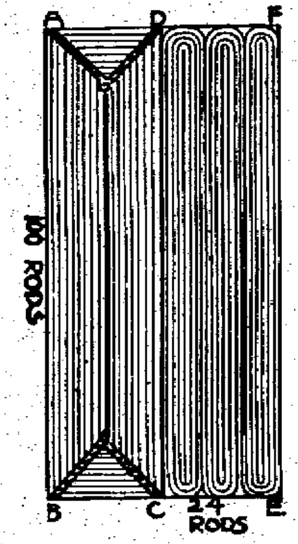
Economy In Applying Geometrical Laws In Laying Out Fields.

The former orthodox way of dividing farms is as follows: The end lies to the road, with buildings close to the highway, and is divided into two nearly equal portions by a lane running back to the wood lot pasture and water, at the back of the farm. On either side the lane are nearly square fields of about 25 or 30 rods upon a side. It gives easy access to individual fields, but, according to an Ohio Farmer correspondent, without taking any note whatever of economical working. The idea of applying the plain, self demonstrating laws of arithmetic and geometry to the plowing and cultivating of fields is a recent one. The correspondent in question gives diagrams and discusses the losses resulting from failure to recognize plain geometrical facts in the laying out and cultivation of fields. He writes:



THE ORTHODOX DIVISION.

To illustrate, I give two diagrams. In Fig. 1, A, B, C, D represent a field 50 rods square, in which the trampled diagonals are shown as well as furrows. The same letters in Fig. 2 show a field twice as long and one-half as wide, drawn to the same scale of 32 rods to the inch. I drew it to this proportion instead of 150 rods long in order to save space, and thinking, perhaps, the matter might be easier comprehended. In this case the turns in plowing saved would be but one-half, or 600, and the proportion of trampled ground would be more than if the field was one-third narrower. In Fig. 2 the letters D, C, E, F show how there would be a saving in using the disk harrow, which is generally worked in narrow lands to save the annoyance and cramping attending the abrupt turning of the team as in drilling. Of course I need not tell the intelligent reader that by doubling the length of the field one-half the turning is also saved in harrowing, drilling, cultivating, mowing and reaping.



AN ECONOMICAL DIVISION.

Nine-tenths of the farmers do not seem to realize and practice the truths I am trying to elucidate. If they had, why do they cut up a piece of mowing ground into half days' work, often cutting off a chunk the short way of the field and sometimes making more than a thousand unnecessary turns in mowing a 20 acre field? And the same is often done in plowing.

This has been done over and over again in several 20 acre fields that I pass occasionally in the haying season. Common sense would say go around the whole, but if it must be split up into four acre jobs why not do it lengthwise? The same disregard of mathematical principles is everywhere to be seen as fences are removed and farms thrown into one or two large fields. Instead of taking advantage of starting at the barn and plowing or cultivating 100 rods and back and losing no time in going to and from barn to field, most farms which I see are farmed on the old checkerboard principle, and cart paths are maintained to reach fields which might have one end abutting upon the highway or at the barnyard.

Potatoes Under Glass.

The culture of potatoes under glass may seem odd to some of our readers, but it is no new thing in England, where a kidney potato of early maturity is used. We are informed in Dreer's Manual that during the year 1896 a Pennsylvania market gardener succeeded in growing ordinary potatoes under glass in time to compete with the new potatoes from the south. These tubers from indoors were sold for the same price per half peck as he afterward obtained per bushel for those grown out of doors.

A Hint to Tennyson.

Dean Farrar gives some interesting reminiscences of Tennyson in The Temple Magazine. This is how he suggested "St. Telemachus" to the poet: "Lord Tennyson, one day when I was walking with him, asked me to suggest to him the subject of a poem. I suggested the story of St. Telemachus leaping down into the amphitheater and by his self devoted martyrdom putting an end forever to the hideous butcheries of the gladiatorial games—a scene which I have since described in my 'Gathering Clouds.' To my surprise, he had never heard the story and was much struck with it. He asked me to send him, when I returned, all the authorities on the subject. That was easily done, for it rests on the single authority of the Greek ecclesiastical historian Theodoret. I sent him the passage in the original Greek, and he clothed it in the magnificent poem."

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"Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits; 75 cents. Sold by A. B Armstrong, Smethport.

If you have ever seen a child in the agony of croup you can appreciate the gratitude of the mothers who know that One Minute Cough Cure relieves their little ones as quickly as it is administered. Many homes in this city are never without it. A. W. Colegrove Smethport, A. E. Stickles, East Smethport.

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Our Shoe Department is up to date but we have collected together a line in Ladies' and Misses' which we are bound to let go and if you are in the need or if you do not need them at present it will be your benefit to call, for the price will be so low you can't help but purchase. Now we mean what we say; do not go to the city looking for bargains when you can get them right here at home. During the next 60 days we will give you special prices on all goods through the entire store.

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STATEMENT

OF THE

Finances of McKean County

FOR THE

Fiscal Year Ending January Fourth, 1897.

T. D. CLARK, Treasurer of McKean County, in account with the different funds of said County for said year.

COUNTY FUNDS.

Dr.		
To amount received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treas.	$14549 01	
To amount licenses collected	2779 00	
To amount transferred from dog fund	1210 87	
To amount unseated taxes and interest collected	10469 91	
To amount seated taxes collected	29734 32	
To amount charged Treasurer by Commissioners	7133 63	
To amount received from Sheriff	1434 07	
To amount State taxes collected	6043 89	
To amount of fines collected	26 00	69872 71
Cr.		
By orders paid and cancelled	53869 00	
By County Institute expenses	200 00	
By Bradford City Institute expenses	22 85	
By Treasurer's commission on $31290 85 at 1½ per cent.	348 51	
Balance due fund	15881 85	69872 71

DOG FUND.

Dr.		
To amount received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treas.	1210 87	
To amount dog tax collected	1833 06	3044 00
Cr.		
By amount transferred to county fund	1210 87	
By orders paid and cancelled	365 00	
By commission on $1873 65 at 1½ per cent.	28 70	
Balance due fund	1437 86	3044 00

REDEMPTION FUND.

Dr.		
To amount received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treas.	2410 11	
To amount received from re-		

Cr.		
By orders paid	142 00	
Balance due fund	2717 00	2859 11

BRIDGE BOND FUND.

Dr.		
To balance received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treas.	691 44	
To amount in tax collected	31 56	723 00
Cr.		
By com. on $61 56 at 1½ per cent.	46	
Balance due fund	712 74	713 00

POOR FUND.

Dr.		
To amount received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treas.	6910 74	
To amount of unseated taxes and interest collected	5450 29	
To amount seated taxes collected	6651 26	
To amount charged treasurer by commissioners	2794 82	22114 09
Cr.		
By orders paid and cancelled	15077 00	
By Treasurer's com. on $15,204.14 at 1½ per cent.	267 83	
Balance due fund	6760 61	22114 09

POOR BOND FUND.

Dr.		
To amount received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treas.	7009 94	
To amount unseated taxes and interest collected	1106 05	
To amount seated taxes collected	714 81	8830 80
Cr.		
By poor bonds paid and cancelled	8000 00	
By interest paid on same	120 00	
By com. on $2,080.00 at 1½ per cent.	31 96	
Balance due fund	678 84	8830 80

POOR BUILDING FUND.

Dr.		
To balance received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treas.	2329 41	
To unseated taxes and interest collected	1371 41	
To seated taxes collected	714 84	
To amount charged Treas. by Commissioners	44 05	4420 70
Cr.		
By com. on $2130.52 at 1½ per cent.	47 00	
Balance due fund	4373 16	4420 70

ANNIN TOWNSHIP.

	Road.	Road Bond.	Special Road.	School and Build'g.	School Bond.
Dr.					
To amount received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treasurer	33 20		133 61	33 10	
To unseated tax collected	212 00	6 30	106 37	281 33	
Total	245 20	6 30	240 00	313 43	
Cr.					
Orders paid and cancelled	181 00		222 00	50 00	
Treasurer's commissions at 1½ per cent.	2 84		2 40	4 85	
Balance due funds	61 36	6 30	24 00	258 58	
Total	245 20	6 30	249 00	313 43	

BRADFORD TOWNSHIP.

	Road.	Road Bond.	Special Road.	School and Build'g.	School Bond.
Dr.					
To amount received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treasurer	362 77			635 13	
To unseated taxes collected	771 13			1494 66	
Total	1133 90			2129 79	
Cr.					
Orders paid and cancelled	602 77			922 81	
Treasurer's commissions at 1½ per cent.	13 49			24 93	
Balance due funds	517 64			1182 05	
Total	1133 90			2129 79	

CERES TOWNSHIP.

	Road.	Road Bond.	Special Road.	School and Build'g.	School Bond.
Dr.					
To amount received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treasurer	57 82	44 49	49 43	137 60	
To unseated tax collected	84 82	41 32	47 35	164 05	
Total	142 64	85 81	96 78	302 65	
Cr.					
Orders paid and cancelled	87 82	61 49	67 43	229 79	
Treasurer's commissions at 1½ per cent.	1 49	76	83	3 89	
Balance due funds	53 34	23 56	28 50	69 97	
Total	142 64	85 81	96 78	302 65	

CORYDON TOWNSHIP.

	Road.	Road Bond.	Special Road.	School and Build'g.	School Bond.
Dr.					
To amount received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treasurer	291 04		2 86	563 56	
To unseated taxes collected	2929 77		19 43	3766 67	
Total	3220 81		22 29	4329 23	
Cr.					
Orders paid and cancelled	2906 00		21 00	3622 33	
Treasurer's commissions at 1½ per cent.	51 27		34	65 60	
Balance due fund	263 15		95	641 32	
Total	3220 42		22 29	4329 23	

ELDRED TOWNSHIP.

	Road.	Road Bond.	Special Road.	School and Build'g.	School Bond.
Dr.					
To amount received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treasurer	25 29	13 86		14 71	
To unseated tax and license collected	250 68	77 36		245 70	
Total	275 97	91 12		260 41	
Cr.					
Orders paid and cancelled	123 58	29 94			
Treasurer's commissions at 1½ per cent.	2 39	1 26		4 29	
Balance due funds	150 06	60 92		256 12	
Total	275 97	91 12		260 41	

FOSTER TOWNSHIP.

	Road.	Road Bond.	Special Road.	School and Build'g.	School Bond.
Dr.					
To amount received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treasurer	419 72		4 72	378 03	46 77
To unseated tax and license collected	592 15			1190 57	145 71
Total,	1012 87		4 72	1568 60	188 50
Cr.					
Orders paid and cancelled	918 72		4 72	710 00	90 00
Treasurer's commissions at 1½ per cent.	8 39			13 20	1 85
Balance due funds	85 76			840 40	76 65
Total,	1012 87		4 72	1568 60	168 50

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP.

	Road.	Road Bond.	Special Road.	School and Build'g.	School Bond.
Dr.					
To amount received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treasurer	47 69	25 83		140 52	
To unseated tax collected	2075 58	341 83	104 62	3196 60	
	2123 27	367 66	104 62	3337 12	
Cr.					
Orders paid and cancelled	1215 55	181 27		2416 53	
Treasurer's commissions at 1½ per cent.	35 33	9 48	1 82	55 91	
Balance due funds	871 09	176 91	102 79	864 63	
Total,	2122 27	367 66	104 62	3337 12	

HAMLIN TOWNSHIP.

	Road.	Road Bond.	Special Road.	School and Build'g.	School Bond.
Dr.					
To amount received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treasurer	320 02	87 45		1126 57	277 15
To unseated tax collected	1791 61	913 40		3390 56	666 00
Total,	2111 63	1000 85		4515 13	943 15
Cr.					
Orders paid and cancelled	1505 65	645 53		3353 07	902 21
Treasurer's commissions at 1½ per cent.	33 14	15 98		61 35	9 89
Balance due funds	681 84	339 34		1120 39	38 45
Total,	2223 63	1000 85		4545 13	942 15

KEATING TOWNSHIP.

	Road.	Road Bond.	Special Road.	School and Build'g.	School Bond.
Dr.					
To amount received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treasurer	241 27	186 33	8 37	1347 55	
To unseated tax collected	3269 00	1758 30	478 78	3912 14	
Total,	3510 27	1944 63	487 15	5259 69	
Cr.					
Orders paid and cancelled	3437 64	1795 11	407 33	3561 90	
Treasurer's commissions at 1½ per cent.	58 98	30 77	8 37	61 90	
Balance due funds	113 65	178 35	71 40	1725 78	
Total,	3510 27	1944 63	487 10	5259 69	

LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP.

	Road.	Road Bond.	Special Road.	School and Build'g.	School Bond.
Dr.					
To amount received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treasurer	1005 05	141 58	138 25	1241 81	
To unseated tax and license collected	1671 63	122 11	379 00	3328 28	
Total,	2674 68	263 69	515 22	4560 19	
Cr.					
Orders paid and cancelled	2104 33	141 50	292 35	2336 04	
Treasurer's commissions at 1½ per cent.	29 76	2 14	6 64	58 63	
Balance due funds	441 77	119 97	206 25	2163 50	
Total,	2574 88	263 69	515 22	4560 19	

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP.

	Road.	Road Bond.	Special Road.	School and Build'g.	School Bond.
Dr.					
To amount received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treasurer	746 30	61 12		1204 58	108 10
To unseated tax collected	1155 61	190 53		1171 07	270 41
Total,	1902 84	253 65		2375 65	378 51
Cr.					
Orders paid and cancelled	1236 60	62 12		1683 80	168 40
Treasurer's commissions at 1½ per cent.	20 40	3 06		20 53	4 73
Balance due funds	645 35	188 17		671 12	199 39
Total,	1902 84	253 65		2375 65	372 51

NORWICH TOWNSHIP.

	Road.	Road Bond.	Special Road.	School and Build'g.	School Bond.
Dr.					
To amount received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treasurer	222 68			87 92	
To unseated tax and license collected	2068 64			1826 49	
Total,	2291 32			1914 41	
Cr.					
Orders paid and cancelled	2216 08			1723 80	
Treasurer's commissions at 1½ per cent.	34 86			42 49	
Balance due funds	40 38			148 13	
Total,	2291 32			1914 41	

OTTO TOWNSHIP.

	Road.	Road Bond.	Special Road.	School and Build'g.	School Bond.
Dr.					
To amount received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treasurer	179 14		133 06	338 46	
To unseated tax and license collected	164 02		30 32	311 26	
Total,	363 16		163 38	649 72	
Cr.					
Orders paid and cancelled	335 44		147 91	343 43	
Treasurer's commissions at 1½ per cent.	1 87		67	3 70	
Balance due funds	24 87		14 74	197 58	
Total,	363 16		163 38	544 72	

SERGEANT TOWNSHIP.

	Road.	Road Bond.	Special Road.	School and Build'g.	School Bond.
Dr.					
To amount received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treasurer	135 85			1117 93	374 60
To unseated tax and license collected	1343 29			2084 78	865 17
Total	1473 79			3202 71	1239 77
Cr.					
Orders paid and cancelled	1368 81			1348 63	1203 38
Treasurer's commissions at 1½ per cent.	[illegible]			43 23	89
Balance due funds	[illegible]			1713 63	
Total	[illegible]			[illegible]	1239 77

[illegible] TOWNSHIP.

	Road.	Road Bond.	Special Road.	School and Build'g.	School Bond.
To amount received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treasurer	[illegible]			[illegible]	

Total	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cr.		
Orders paid and cancelled	[illegible]	1000 00
Treasurer's commissions at 1½ per cent.	22	40 22
Balance due funds	22	1069 27
Total	[illegible]	[illegible]

SMETHPORT BOROUGH.

	Borough.	School and Building.	School Bond.
Dr.			
To amount received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treasurer		34 76	20 92
Tax and license collected	461 34	65 44	40 19
Total	461 34	100 20	61 11
Cr.			
Orders paid and cancelled	456 00		
Treasurer's commissions at 1½ per cent.	60	1 46	70
Balance due funds	4 26	118 74	60 41
Total	461 34	110 20	61 11

KANE BOROUGH.

	Borough.	School and Building.
Dr.		
Tax and license collected	457 43	3 00
Total	457 43	3 00
Cr.		
Orders paid and cancelled	456 00	
Treasurer's commissions at 1½ per cent.	48	05
Balance due fund	1 40	2 94
Total	457 43	3 00

ELDRED BOROUGH.

	Borough.	School and Building.
Dr.		
To amount received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treasurer	2 64	4 71
Tax and license collected	116 35	8 18
Total	118 99	12 89
Cr.		
Orders paid and cancelled	117 64	9 71
Treasurer's commissions at 1½ per cent.	02	05
Balance due funds	1 33	3 13
Total	118 99	12 89

PORT ALLEGANY BOROUGH.

	Borough.	School and Building.
Dr.		
To amount received from Geo. C. Fagnan, late Treasurer	1 34	4 06
Tax and license collected	342 00	
Total	343 94	4 09
Cr.		
Orders paid and cancelled	342 40	
Balance due funds	1 94	4 09
Total	343 94	4 08

MT. JEWETT BOROUGH.

	Borough.
Dr.	
Tax and license collected	226 00
Total	226 00
Cr.	
Orders paid and collected	226 00
Total	226 00

A. B. WALKER, Sheriff of McKean County, in account with said county for the fiscal year ending January 4th, 1897.

Dr.		
To orders drawn on account	$ 200 00	
" fines collected	50 00	
" Commonwealth costs collected	1264 07	
To Quarter Session Jury fees	161 00	
" Common Pleas Jury fees	24 00	
" salary of turnkey	480 00	
" balance due A. B. Walker	1788 75	3969 82
Cr.		
By balance due last auditor's report	229 10	
By reports to State Board of Charities	30 00	
By publishing election proclamation	1 00	
By commission on fines collected, $50.00 at 3 per cent.	1 50	
By Sci. Fa. sur recog. McKean County vs. Albert Baker	1 40	
By notifying Jurors not to report (special venire)	4 75	
By board of prisoners	1050 90	
Services turnkey, care &c of prisoners	756 00	
By drawing and summoning jurors	263 00	
By paid Treasurer Clark	1434 07	3969 82

E. R. SHERMAN, Coroner of McKean County, in account with said County for the fiscal year ending January 4th, 1897.

Dr.		
To orders drawn on account	$ 130 48	
To balance due Coroner	30 98	161 46
Cr.		
By balance due last Auditor's report	44 73	
By inquests, mileage and jury fees for 1896	116 73	161 46

T. F. HUNGIVILLE, SHELDON JEWETT and FRANK H. FOSTER, Commissioners of McKean County, in account with said county for the fiscal year ending January 4th, 1897.

T. F. HUNGIVILLE,

Cr.		
By balance due last auditor's report	$ 336 00	
By 292 days' service at $3.50	1022 00	
By balance due county	9 67	1361 67
Dr.		
To orders drawn on account	1340 00	
To amount surcharged by auditors	11 67	1351 67

SHELDON JEWETT,

Cr.		
By balance due last auditors' report	93 00	
By 181 days' service at $3.50	633 50	727 00
Dr.		
To orders drawn on account	575 00	
To amount surcharged by auditors	11 67	
Balance due Sheldon Jewett	140 33	727 00

FRANK H. FOSTER,

Cr.		
By balance due last auditor's report	60 79	
By 269 days' service at $3.50	941 50	
By balance due county	38	1002 67
Dr.		
To orders drawn on account	991 00	
To amount surcharged by auditors	11 67	1002 67

T. F. HUNGIVILLE, SHELDON JEWETT and FRANK H. FOSTER, Directors of the McKean County Poor District, in account with said Poor District for the fiscal year ending January 4th, 1897.

T. F. HUNGIVILLE.

Cr.		
By balance due last auditor's report	$ 106 25	
By 13 days' services at $3.50	45 50	151 75
Dr.		
To orders drawn on account	79 00	
To amount surcharged by auditors	22 67	
Balance due T. F. Hungiville	50 08	151 75

SHELDON JEWETT,

Cr.		
By balance due last auditor's report	57 50	
By 28 days' services at $3.50	98 00	155 50
Dr.		
To orders drawn on account	25 00	
To amount surcharged by auditors	22 67	
Balance due Sheldon Jewett	107 83	155 50

FRANK H. FOSTER,

Cr.		
By 6 days' services at $3.50	21 00	
By balance due poor account	21 67	42 67
Dr.		
To balance due last auditor's report	20 00	
To amount surcharged by auditors	22 67	42 67

RECEIPTS OF COUNTY.

Amount on hand last auditor's report	$14549 01	
To amount received for liquor licenses	2779 00	
To amount of dog fund transferred	1210 87	
To amount of unseated taxes collected	10469 91	
To amount of seated taxes collected	29734 32	
Amount of State taxes collected	6043 89	
Amount received from various sources and paid over to County Treas. by Commissioners	7133 63	
Amount fines collected	26 00	
To amount received from Sheriff Walker	1434 07	69872 71

EXPENDITURES OF THE COUNTY.

Paid Frank H. Foster, Commissioner,	$ 991 00
Paid Sheldon Jewett, Commissioner,	575 00
Paid T. F. Hungiville, Commissioner,	1340 00
Paid E. M. Keene, Commissioners' clerk and assistants	1612 00
Paid T. F. Richmond, Commissioners' counsel	210 00
Paid sheriff Walker on account	2053 56
Paid County Auditors	297 00
" Jury Commissioners and Clerk	290 32
Paid Court House Janitor	600 00
" Constables making returns	501 72
Paid Justices' fees	473 06
" Court Stenographer	783 25
" Court crier and Tipstaves	538 19
" Commonwealth costs	4605 34
" County Physician for jail	66 00
" Registering children	745 00
" Penna. Reform School	1292 40
" Grand Jurors	795 21
" Traverse Jurors	4432 10
" Assessors taking assessment, births, deaths, &c	2311 50
Paid Assessors, registration of voters	1767 60
Paid election expenses	4614 77
" Jail expense	319 78
" Western Penitentiary	1971 06
" Publishing and printing	704 05
" Road views and damages	391 00
" Freight, express, telegrams and postage	104 85
Paid insurance	256 00
" Fuel and lights for Court House and Jail	1080 00
Paid repairs on Court House	436 67
" Inquests	139 48
" Indigent Soldiers burial expenses	437 00
Paid for books and stationary	760 91
" Bridge expenses, building and repairs	7301 80
Paid for water Jail and Court House	75 00
Paid Prothonotary fees	491 05
" Turnkey for Jail	480 00
" State Auditor on Prothonotary accounts	18 00
Paid taxes refunded	74 77
" Chemist, Dutcher case	50 00
" Law expenses	4 00
" Traveling expenses	40 45
" Agriculture society	20 10
" Miscellaneous	7 00
" Expense Bradford City Institute	22 85
Paid expense County Institute	200 00
Paid Treasurer's commission	348 51
Balance due fund	15881 85	69872 71

COUNTY ASSETS.

Amount due county fund from Collectors	$11715 46	
Amount due State fund from collectors	3275 06	
Amount due dog fund from Collectors	1842 42	
Amount due county fund from unseated taxes	2096 00	
Amount transferrable from dog fund to county fund	1457 86	
Amount transferrable from bridge fund to county fund	718 74	
Amount due county funds ¼ State tax (estimated)	5662 48	
County funds in treasury.	15881 85	42734 96

COUNTY LIABILITIES.

Commonwealth costs (estimated)	$ 100 00	
Outstanding indebtedness, sundry items (estimated)	500 00	
State tax	7549 06	
Western Penitentiary	1900 06	
Assets in excess of liabilities	32614 12	42734 96

We, the undersigned Commissioners of McKean county, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement of receipts and expenditures and statement of assets and liabilities are correct and true.

T. F. HUNGIVILLE,
W. A. YOUNG,
LEMUEL DAVIS,
Commissioners.

Attest:
S. D. WEAVER,
Clerk.

RECEIPTS OF POOR FUNDS.

To balance due last auditor's report	$ 6910 74	
To amount of unseated taxes and interest collected	5450 29	
To amount seated taxes collected	6651 26	
To amount received from various sources	2794 82	22114 09

EXPENDITURES POOR FUND.

By paid T. F. Hungiville, Commissioner,	$ 79 00	
By paid Sheldon Jewett, Commissioner,	25 00	
By paid Commissioners' clerk	300 00	
" " " counsel	150 00	
By paid County Auditors	54 60	
" " outside relief	1992 31	
" " State Asylum	4160 86	
" " Justices' fees	100 00	
" " traveling expenses	436 11	
" " Physicians examination in lunacy	58 00	
By paid extra expenses	50 19	
" " Superintendent's salary	720 97	
By paid provisions	894 24	
" " clothing	307 52	
" " furniture	1 85	
" " poor house Physician	463 16	
" " medicine and supplies	336 31	
By paid publishing and printing	65 25	
By paid freight, express, telegrams, postage, &c.	53 16	
By paid fuel and lights	546 29	
" " ordinary repairs	488 40	
" " books and stationary	5 00	
" " farm expenses	1841 61	
" " salary on farm	1077 99	
" " for tobacco	107 97	
" " for buildings and improvements	94 31	
By paid furnishings	295 00	
" " coffins	130 00	
" " blacksmithing	215 42	
" " miscellaneous	9 25	
" " taxes refunded	67 98	
" " Treasurer's commission	267 83	
By poor funds in treasury	6760 61	22114 09

POOR ASSETS.

Amount due poor fund from Collectors	$ 3211 80	
Amount due poor fund from unseated taxes	1080 90	
Amount due from Bradford City poor district	47 80	
Amount due poor fund from various sources (estimated)	200 00	
Amount transferrable from poor bond fund	678 84	
Amount transferrable from poor building fund	4373 16	
Funds in treasury	6760 61	16296 02

POOR LIABILITIES.

Sundry unpaid bills (estimated)	$ 750 00	
Assets in excess of liabilities	15546 02	16296 02

We, the undersigned Commissioners of McKean county Poor District, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement of receipts and expenditures and statement of assets and liabilities are correct and true.

T. F. HUNGIVILLE,
W. A. YOUNG,
LEMUEL DAVIS,
Comm'ssioners.

Attest:
S. D. WEAVER,
Clerk.

STATEMENT,

Showing the cost of keeping each inmate per week at the Poor House for the fiscal year ending January 4th, 1897.

Total cost of keeping inmates	$ 5810 29
Received from merchandise so'd from farm	782 02
Net cost of board of inmates	5023 66
Boarding inmates 17,437 days or 2,491 weeks at $2.02 per week	5023 00

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NOTICE.

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A. KEILEY, Contractor,
Smethport, Pa.

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MEAT

whether it be a full quarter or a small steak. And for

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TIME TABLE — WESTERN NEW YORK & PENNSYLVANIA

In effect [illegible], 1896

Trains leave Smethport for Larrabee, Eldred, Olean, Bradford, Rochester and Buffalo as follows:

Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday [illegible] a. m.
*Buffalo Mail, daily except Sunday, 1:36 p. m.
*Train leaving Smethport 1:36 p. m. connects at Olean with River Division for Allegany, Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

For Clermont, and points south.

*Clermont Local, daily ex Sunday [illegible] a. m.
Clermont Accom daily ex Sunday 12:27 p. m.
Clermont Accom daily ex Sunday [illegible] p. m.
*Clermont Local connects through to Johnsonburg.

For Larrabee, Port Allegany, Coudersport and points south.

Mail daily ex Sunday 11:30 a. m.
Mail, daily ex Sunday connects at Emporium for Philadelphia 6:20 p. m.

Get Time Tables giving full information from A. E. WORREN, Ticket Agent,
[illegible] BELL, General Sup't,
J. A. FELLOWS, Gen. Pass'r. & T'k. Agt.
General offices Mooney, Brisbane Bldg., Cor. Main and Clinton st, Buffalo N. Y.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect Nov. 15, 1896.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD.

8:20 a. m.—Train 8, daily except Sunday, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:23 p. m., New York 9:30 p. m., Baltimore 6:00 p. m., Washington, 7:05 p. m. Pullman Parlor car through from Williamsport and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia.

3:19 p. m.—Train 6, daily except Sunday, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:30 a. m., New York 7:33 a. m.; Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

9:30 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 6:52 a. m., New York 9:33 a. m., week days (10:38 a. m. Sundays) Baltimore 6:20 a. m., Washington 7.40 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Harrisburg.

WESTWARD.

7:24 a. m.—Train 1, daily except Sunday for Ridgway, DuBois, Clermont and intermediate stations, leaves Ridgway 3:10 p. m. for Erie.

10:15 a. m.—Train 3, daily, for Erie and intermediate stations.

6:05 p. m.—Train 11 daily except Sunday, Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS for EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 1 leaves Renovo 6:05 a. m., daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Jc. 7:05 a. m.

Train 11 leaves Philadelphia 8:30 a. m., Washington 7:50 a. m., Baltimore 8:50 a. m., Wilkesbarre 10:15 a. m., daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Junction 6:05 p. m. with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches to Kane.

Train 3, leaves New York 8:00 p. m., Philadelphia 11:20 p. m.; Washington 10:40 p. m., Baltimore 11:50 p. m., daily arriving at Emporium June. 10:26 a. m., with Pullman Palace sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD.
Daily except Sunday.

NORTH A. M. Lv.	STATIONS.	SOUTH Ar. A. M.
9 20	Ridgway	12 00
9 34	Johnsonburg	11 43
9 49	Bendigo	11 27
9 56	Glen Hazel	11 22
10 05	Straight	11 10
10 11	Instanter	11 03
10 18	Smith's Run	10 55
10 27	Woodvale	10 45
10 35	Clermont	10 35

Connections are made with train 1, leaving Johnsonburg at 3:27 p. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at 8:00 p. m. also at Ridgway with train 6, leaving Ridgway at 2:10 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

J. B. HUTCHINSON, General Manager.
J. R. WOOD, Gen'l Passenger Agt.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway

THE SHORT LINE

On and after Aug. 10, 1896, passenger trains Between, Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca, Bradford, Ridgway, DuBois, Punxsutawney and the Coal and Lumber Regions of Pennsylvania will leave Bradford and Mt. Jewett daily except Sunday, as follows:

LEAVE BRADFORD—EAST BOUND.

7.45 a. m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.

9.30 p. m.—Mail—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy, and Rochester.

6.56 p. m.—Buffalo Express—Daily. For Limestone, Carrollton, Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH-BOUND.

8.02 a. m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburgh Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

2.00 p. m.—Mail—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

Thousand Mile Tickets, good for passage between all stations, at two cents per mile.

Passengers are requested to purchase tickets before entering the cars. An excess charge of TEN CENTS will be collected by Conductors when fares are paid on trains, from all stations where a Ticket Office is maintained.

For time tables and full information call on or address any of the Company's agents, or
I. R. McINTYRE, Agent Bradford, Pa.
EDWARD C. LAPEY,
Gen'l Passenger Agent.
Rochester, N. Y.

BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA R. R.

TIME TABLE.
Took effect Monday, June 15th, 1896.

1 a.m.	3 p.m.	5 p.m.	STATIONS Ar. Dp.	2 a.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.
8:55	2:20	7:32	Keating	9:10	2:17	7:50
8:33	2:02	7:19	Cowley June.	9:26	2:32	8:06
8:23	1:51	7:10	Austin	9:36	3:03	8:28
	1:37	6:39	Costello	9:48	3:13	
	1:17	6:30	Wharton	10:00	3:23	
	1:06	6:18	Logue	10:14	3:39	
	1:00	6:12	Hull	10:22	3:47	
	12:45	6:10	Cross Fork Jc	10:45	4:10	
	12:07	5:31	Germania	11:23	4:49	
	12:00	5:25	Galeton	11:30	4:55	
	10:45	4:23	Gaines	2:55	6:00	
	10:10	3:50	Ansonia	3:25	6:35	
	a.m.	p.m.	Dp. Ar.	p.m.	p.m.	

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a m	p.m	p.m	Cross Fork Br.	a.m	p.m	p.m
7:30	12:33	4:00	ar Cr F'k Jc dp	10:50	1:00	5:00
8:30	11:35	3:00	dp Cross F'k ar	11:50	2:00	5:10

H. Hutchinson, Train Master.
C. W. Goodyear, Gen'l Manager.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, takes effect Monday Nov. 4, 1896.

AR. EASTWARD.			STATIONS.	LV WESTWARD.		
A. M	A M	P. M.		A. M.	P. M.	A. M.
	7.30	2.10	Ulysses	7.42	2.30	9.00
	7.21	2.00	Crowell's	7.51	2.40	10.01
	7.16	1.53	Perkins	7.54	2.45	10.10
	7.10	1.50	Newf'ld Jun't	7.57	2.50	10.15
	7.05	1.42	Gold	8.04	2.56	10.25
	7.01	1.36	Raymond's	8.07	2.59	10.31
	6.50	1.24	Seven Bridg's	8.19	3.11	10.50
	6.46	1.20	Colesburg	8.21	3.17	10.55
	6.40	1.14	Frink's	8.28	3.21	11.05
	6.30	1.00		8.43	3.40	11.20
3.55	7.38	12.55	Coudersport	8.45		
3.49		12.51	Hammond			
3.43			Fish Basket			
3.32	7.52	12.46	Olmsted	8.51	6.20	
3.31	7.49	12.41	Mina	8.55	6.25	
3.25		12.34	Knowlton		6.30	
3.21	7.38	12.30	Roulette	9.05	6.35	
3.12	7.31	12.22	Burtville	9.13	6.43	
3.05		12.17	Coleman		6.47	
3.00	7.20	12.12	Port Allegany	9.24	6.50	
P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	Dep't. Arrive	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.

Trains run on eastern standard time.
B. A. McCLURE, Sup't.

Bradford, Bordell and Kinzua R. R. Co.

Time Table taking Effect Jan. 1st, 1896.

LEAVE SMETHPORT.

8:10 A. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting with P. & W. Ry. for Foxburg, Butler and Pittsburg.

10:03 A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

5:10 P. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting at Kane with P. & E. train 4 for Wilcox, Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Emporium, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia—and at Bradford with Erie R. R. train for Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

Trains arrive at Smethport, daily except Sunday, at 9:25 a. m., 4 p. m. and 6:15 p. m.

JNO. C. McKENNA,
Gen. Pas. Agent,
Bradford, Pa.

ST. MARYS & SOUTHWESTERN R. R.

To take effect at 7 o'clock a.m., Monday, August 17, 1896.

South		Stations	North	
1:15		Clermont	12:30	
1:27		Clermont Tank	12:25	
1:46		Whitwood	11:57	
1:58		North Fork	11:45	
2:10		Kay Fork	11:34	
2:12		Gray Gables	11:30	
2:30		Ar Lv St. Marys Lv Ar	11:14	
2:35	7:40		10:55	
2:38	7:43	Kaul	10:50	
2:45	7:51	Dotsen	10:42	
2:50	7:55	Groff	10:37	
2:57	8:03	Gillen	10:28	
3:02	8:07	Paine	10:25	
3:06	8:11	Centreville	10:20	
3:16	8:15	Daguscahonda Crossing	10:15	
3:18	8:24	Shaffer Summit	10:07	
3:23		Conco	9:58	
3:27	8:33	Thompson	9:53	
3:31	8:37	Curry	9:46	
3:37	8:42	Brandy Camp	9:41	
3:40	8:47	Elton	9:34	
3:45	8:50	Hyde	9:30	
4:05	9:01	Shawmut	9:15	
p.m.	a.m.		a.m.	p.m.

BLACKSMITHING!

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Smethport, Aug. 6th, 1896.